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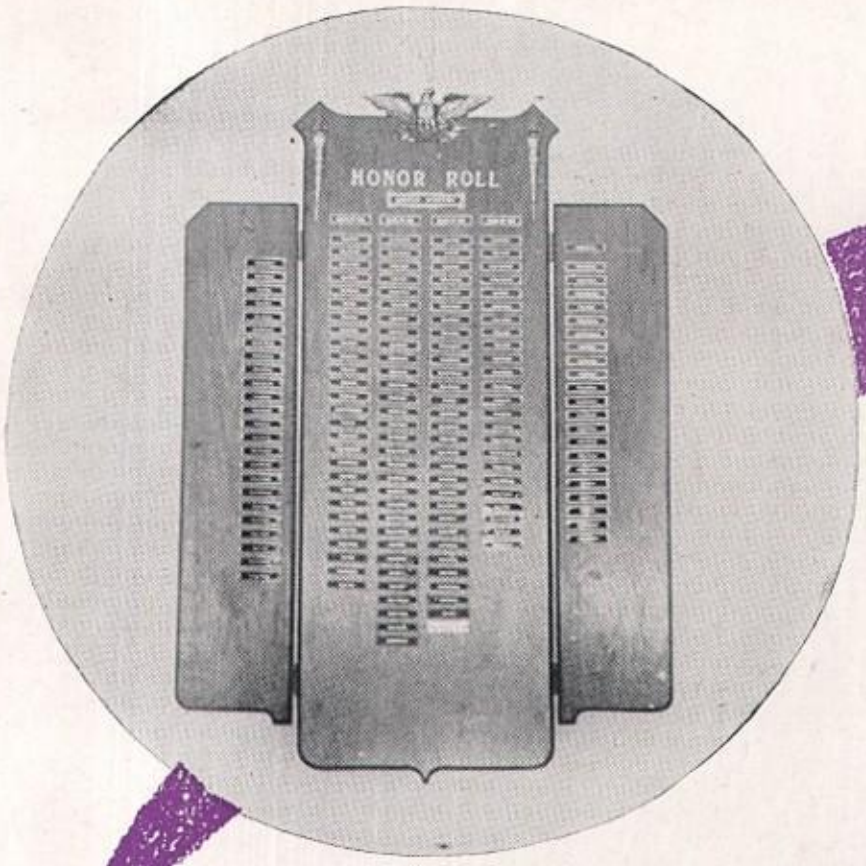

Our World

of Tomorrow

Dedication

To the World of Tomorrow: may it be a world of peace, worthy of the sacrifice made by so many that it might long endure; may it be a happy and prosperous world for all people; and may our youth find success in this, the World of Tomorrow.

Administration

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BOARD OF EDUCATION

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Under the guidance and direction of this administration we of the Class of 1946 have successfully completed our high school education. We would like to express our gratitude to those who have made it possible for us to do so, and our hope that the future students of Sycamore High School may share the benefits of this excellent administration.

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Home Town: Mishawaka, Indiana

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Northwestern University, M. A.
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University of Wisconsin
Home Town: Sycamore, Illinois

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University of Wisconsin
Home Town: Downers Grove, Illinois

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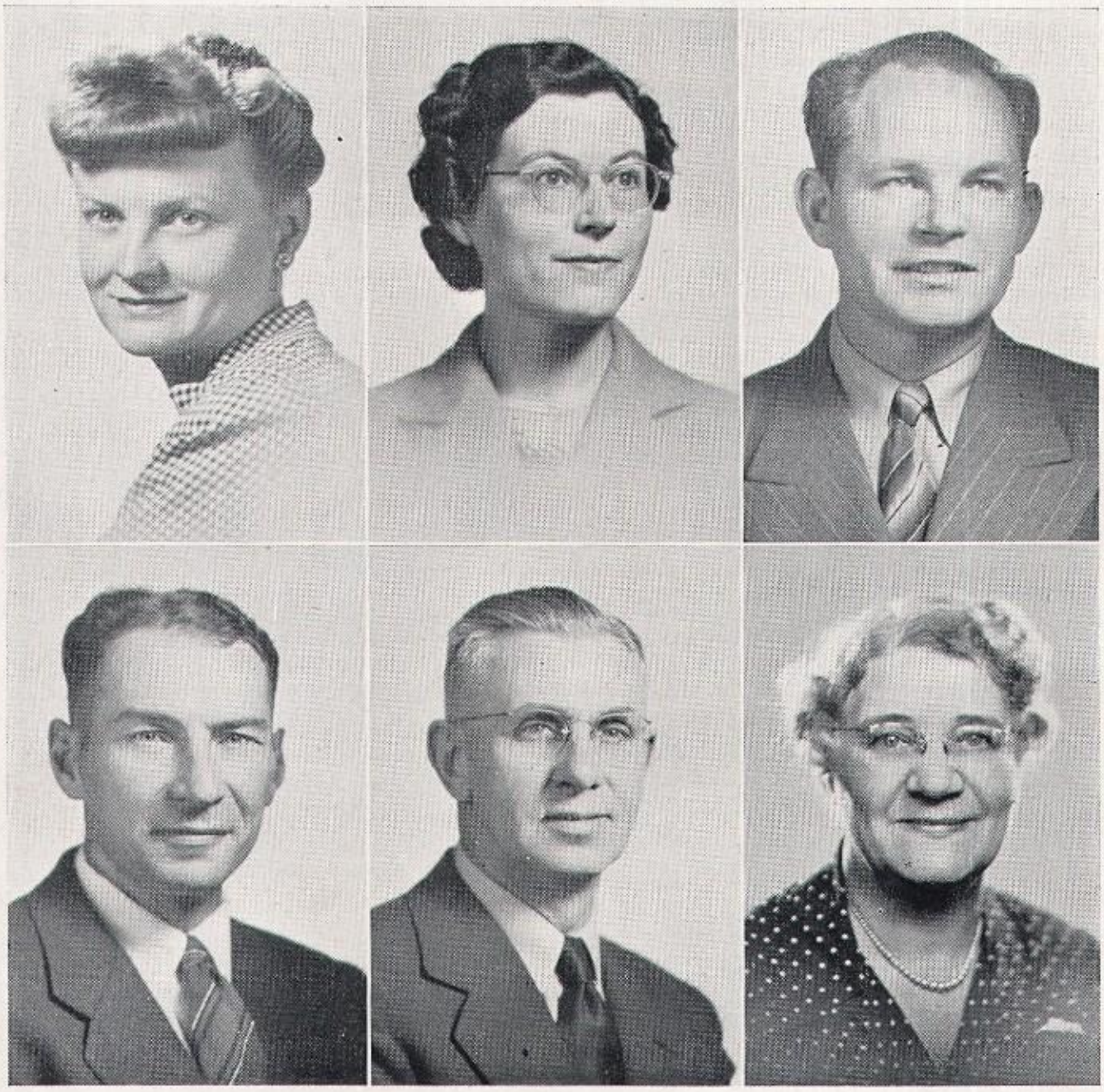

Tow Row

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Music

Lawrence College, B. M.
Home Town: Wautoma, Wisconsin

Margaret Scarseth

Latin, Librarian

St. Olaf College, B. A.
University of Iowa, M. A.
Home Town: Trempealeau, Wisconsin

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Physical Education, Social Science, Coach

Coe College, B. A.
Northwestern University, M. A.
Home Town: DesPlaines, Illinois

Bottom Row

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Northern Illinois State Teachers College, B. A.
Stout Institute, M. A.
Home Town: Sycamore, Illinois

Richmond Terrell

Agriculture, Biology

Purdue University, B. S.; M. A.
Home Town: Kokomo, Indiana

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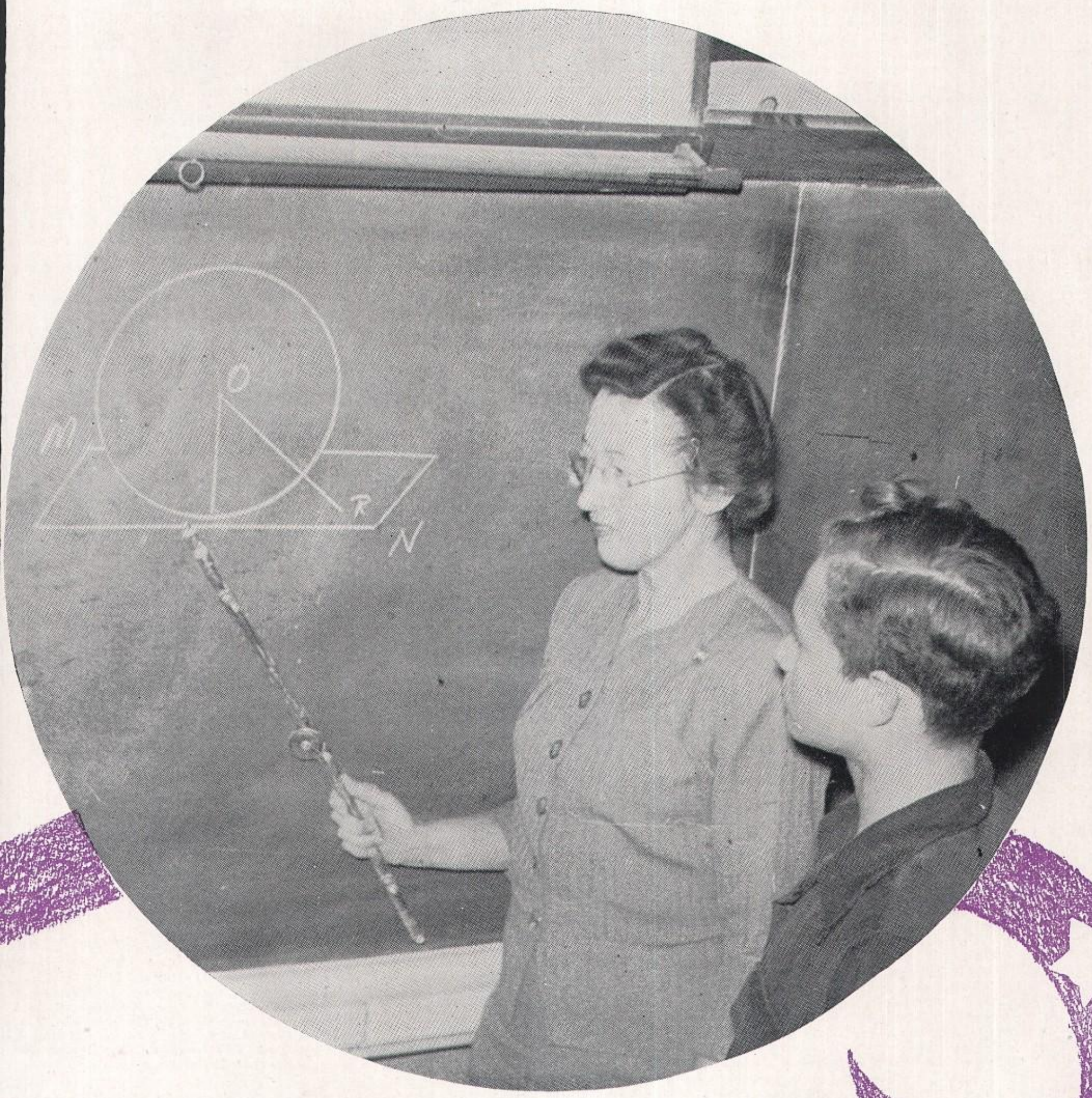
Orr's Business College
Home Town: Sycamore, Illinois

Classes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Left to Right: Nancy Slezak, Treasurer; Marilyn Miller, Secretary; Miss Adams, Advisor; Robert Lindstrom, President; Marvin Roush, Vice-President.

Senior Class Officers

Seniors of 1946:

As graduates you will have an opportunity to take part in a building enterprise that is world wide. The ordinary steps in construction are:

1. To determine the purposes and functions that the building is to serve
2. To select and prepare a site suitable for those purposes and functions.
3. To construct the building by carefully following plans that show how the purposes of the building may be realized.

You can contribute to this great "World Building." The pioneering work of clearing the site of the most formidable obstacles has already been accomplished by the young men and young women in the services of this and other nations. A firm foundation such as the Four Freedoms must be placed by other crafts.

The actual job of construction will need the energy and daring that only youth possesses. Yours is the opportunity to build into the thinking of human beings a concept of unity and freedom that will forever be a beacon light of hope to all people. Do not be dismayed by the pleadings of the timid or the demands of the selfish and the strong. Construct the building in terms of the purposes that it should serve. Only when the job is done can you relax and be honestly proud of the results achieved.

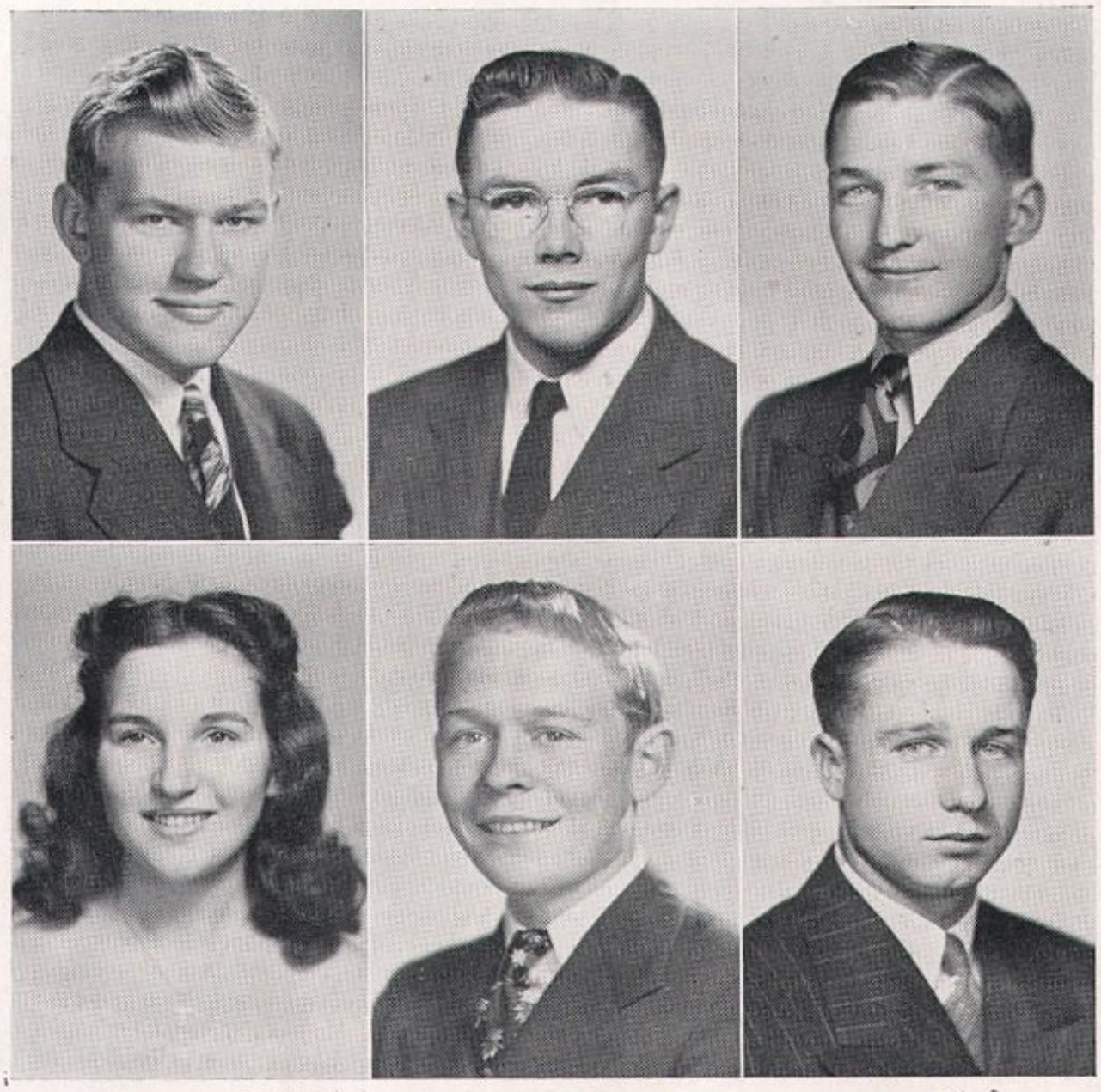
We, the faculty, congratulate you. Your opportunity is to supply the world with the vision and the courageous leadership that is so desperately needed. Make the most of it, and you will have performed your greatest possible service to humanity.

Cordially,
R. A. Lease
Superintendent

Senior Snaps

Seniors

Top Row



Ahnquist, Vincent

A Cappella 1, 2, 3, 4
Basketball 3
Chorus 1, 2, 3, 4
Class Vice President 2
Intramural 1, 2, 4
Leaves Staff 4
Music Contest 3, 4
Operetta 2, 4

Anderson, Theodore

Basketball 1, Captain 2, 3, Captain 4
Class President 2, 3
Football 3
Leaves Staff 3
National Honor Society 4
Spartan Club 2, 3, Secretary-Treasurer 4
Student Council 3, President 4
Track 3, 4

Astling, John

Band 1

Bauer, Georgianne

A Cappella 3
Band 1, 2, 3
Cheerleader 2, 3, 4
Chorus 1, 3
Class Secretary-Treasurer 2
G. A. A. 1, 2, 3
Home Economics Club 2, 3
Pep Club 2, 3, 4
Senior Class Play Cast

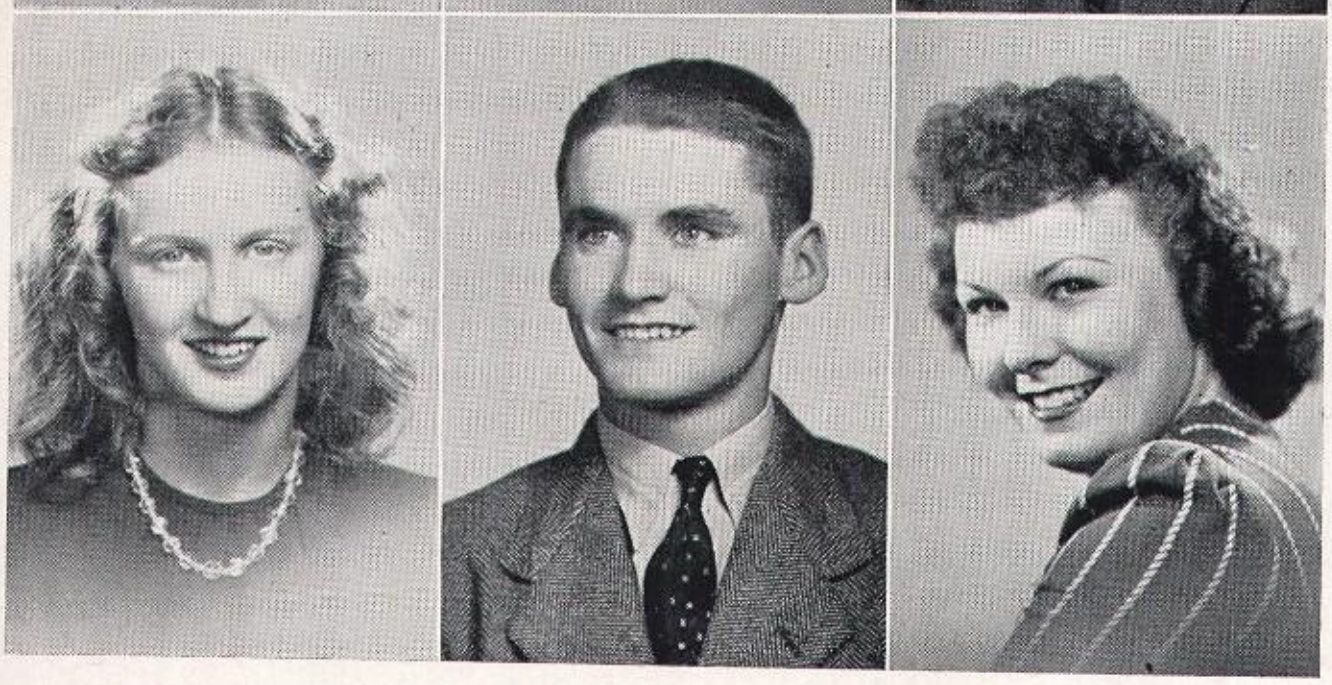
Bergeson, Roy

F. F. A. 1, 2, 3, Treasurer 4
Intramural 1, 2, 3, 4

Burrow, Donald

Band 1
F. F. A. 4
Intramural 1, 2, 3, 4
Leaves Staff 3
Student Council 2

Seniors



Top Row

Conley, Lois Jean

Chorus 1, 2
G .A. A. 1, 2, 3, 4
Operetta 2

Dagg, Lois

A Cappella 3
Chorus 3

Deutsch, Wilfred

F. F. A. 1, 2, 3, 4
Intramural 1, 2

Bottom Row

Eklund, Betty

Band 1, 2, 3, 4
Chorus 2, 3
G. A. A. 1, 2, 3, 4
Leaves Staff 2
Operetta 2
Pep Club 3

Ells, Duane

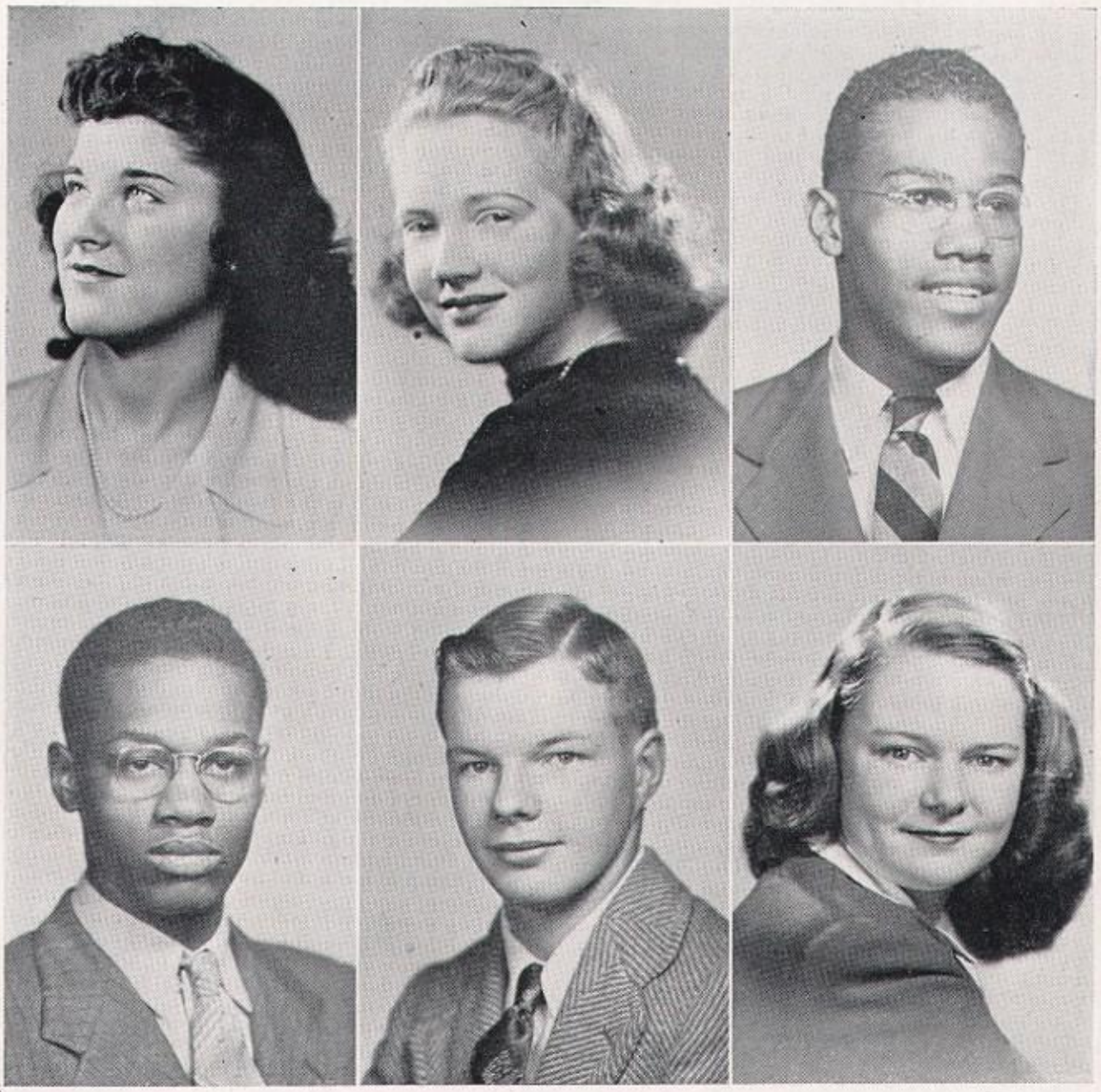
Basketball 1. 2. 3. 4
Class Secretary 1
Football 3, Captain 4
Leaves Staff 4
Spartan Club 3, President 4
Student Council 4
Track 3, 4

Fellinger, Jean

A Cappella 2, 3, 4
Allied Youth 1, 2
Band 1, 2
Chorus 1, 2, 3, 4
Flag Twirler 3, 4
Music Contest 3, 4
Operetta 2, Assistant Director 4
Senior Class Play Cast

Seniors

Top Row



Griffith, Doris

Allied Youth 1, 2, 3
Chorus 2, 3
G. A. A. 1
Home Economics Club 2, 3
Majorette 1, 2, 3, 4
Operetta 2
Pep Club 2, 3, 4

Gronberg, Sylvia

Leaves Staff 4
Pep Club 3

Hale, Donald

A Cappella 3
Basketball 2, 3, 4
Chorus 3
Football 1, 2, 3, 4
Intramural 1
Spartan Club 2, 3, 4
Track 3, 4

Bottom Row

Hale, Richard

Football 2, 3
Intramural 1, 2, 3, 4
Track 3

Hennis, Robert

Basketball 2, 3, 4
Football 2, 3, 4
Intramural 2, 3, 4
Spartan Club 3, 4

Hillquist, Doris

A Cappella 2, 3, 4
Band 1, 2, 3
Chorus 1, 2, 3, 4
Class Secretary 1
G. A. A. 1, Point Secretary 2, Treasurer 3, President 4
Leaves Staff 3, Editor 4
Music Contest 3, 4
National Honor Society 3, Secretary-Treasurer 4
Operetta 2, 4
Pep Club 2, 3
Student Council 1, 2, 3

Seniors

Top Row

Howe, Shirley

A'Cappella 3, 4
Chorus 2, 3, 4
Leaves Staff 4
Operetta 2, 4

Johnson, Alice

Johnson, Melvin

Basketball 3
Football 4
F. F. A. 1, 2, 3, 4
Intramural 1, 2, 4
National Honor Society 4
Student Council 4
Sycohi News Staff Editor 3

Bottom Row

Knudsen, Audrey

A'Cappella 3, 4
Chorus 1, 2, 3, 4
G. A. A. 1, 2, 3, 4
Leaves Staff 1, 2
Majorette 1, 2
Music Contest 3, 4
Operetta 2, 4
Pep Club 2
Senior Class Play Cast
Sycohi News Staff 3

Larson, Fred

Band 1, 2
Basketball 2, 3, 4
Chorus 1
Football 1, 3, 4
Spartan Club 3, 4

Lindstrom, Robert

Basketball 2, 3, 4
Class President 4
Football 1, 2
Leaves Staff 4
Spartan Club 4

Seniors

Top Row

Loptien, Eleanore
- A'Cappella 3
- Chorus 2, 3
- Leaves Staff 4
- Operetta 2

Mathey, Mary Lou
- A'Cappella 3
- Allied Youth 1
- Chorus 1, 2, 3
- Flag Twirler 3, 4
- G. A. A. 1, 2
- Home Economics Club 3
- Senior Class Play Cast

McGetrick, Shirley
- A'Cappella 2, 3, 4
- Chorus 1, 2, 3, 4
- G. A. A. 1, 2, 3, 4
- Leaves Staff 2, 4
- Music Contest 3, 4
- Operetta 2, 4
- Senior Class Play Cast

Bottom Row

McMillan, Bernard
- Football 1

Merchant, Arthur
- Intramural 1, 2, 3, 4

Miller, Marilyn
- A'Cappella 4
- Chorus 1, 2, 3, 4
- Class Secretary 4
- G. A. A. 1, 2, 3, 4
- Leaves Staff 2, 3, 4
- Operetta 2, 4
- Pep Club 2
- Senior Class Play

Seniors

Top Row

Mirotznik, Alvin

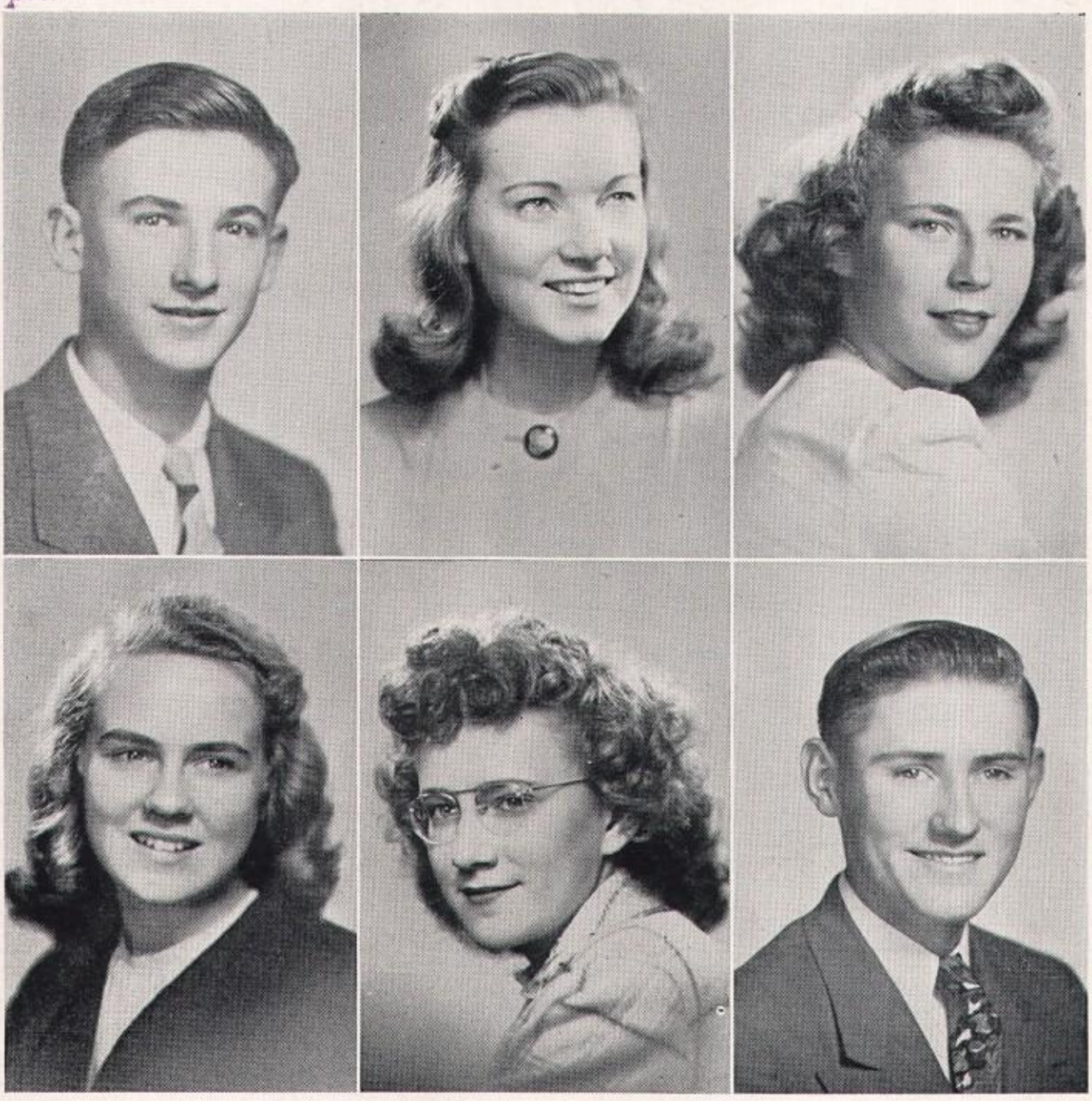
Allied Youth 1
F. F. A. 1, 2, 3, 4
Intramural 1, 2, 3, 4

Montgomery, Helen

A'Cappella 2, 3, 4
Allied Youth 1, 2
Chorus 1, 2, 3, 4
G. A. A. 1, 2, 3
Home Economics Club 2, 3
Operetta 2
Pep Club 3, 4
Senior Class Play Cast

Nelson, Barbara

Allied Youth 1
Flag Twirler 4
G. A. A. 2
Home Economics Club 2
Senior Class Play Cast



Bottom Row

Nowlen, Betty

Chorus 2
G. A. A. 1, 2, 3, 4
Leaves Staff 2, 3, 4
Operetta 2
Pep Club 2, 3
Senior Class Play

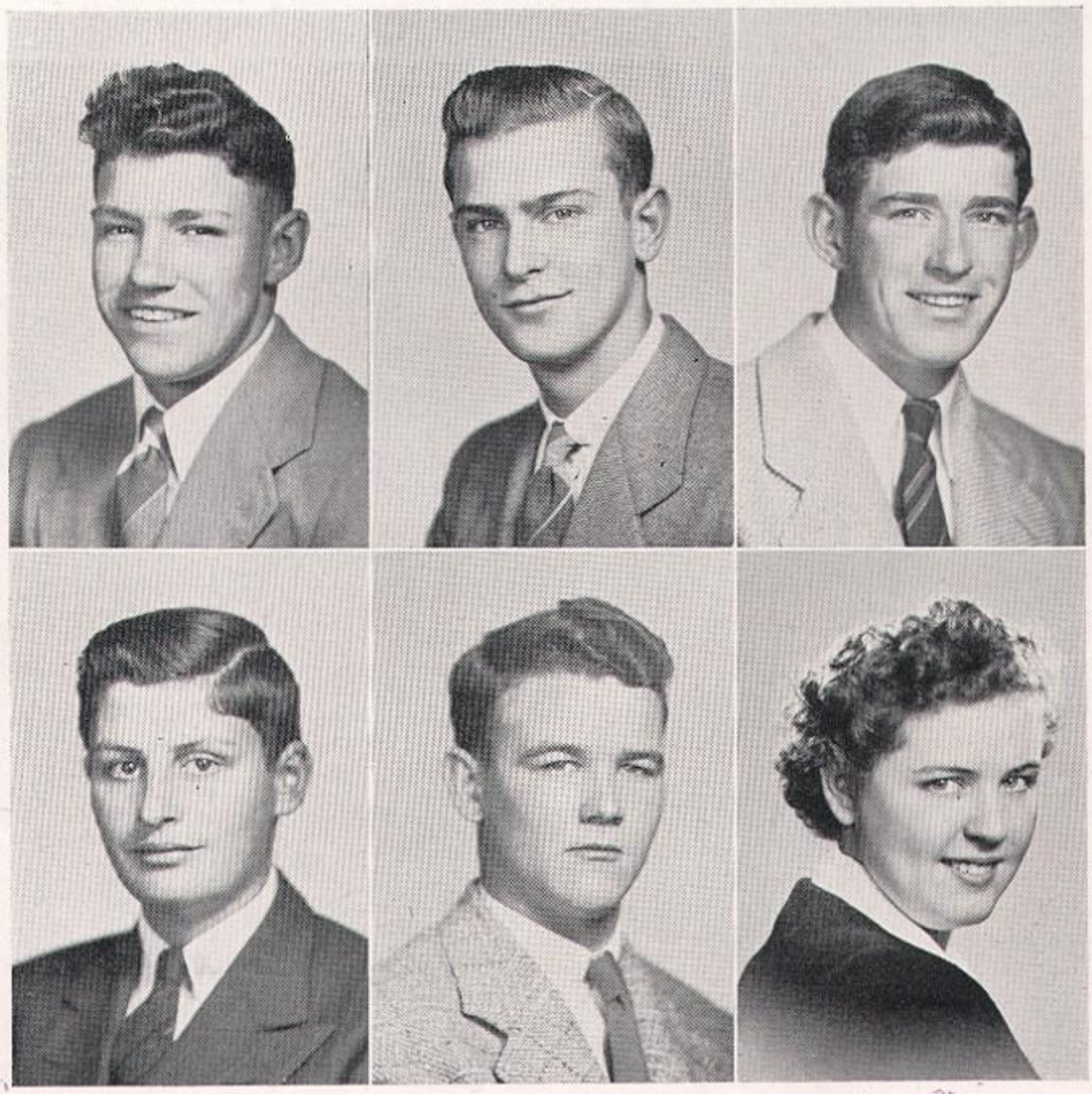
Parker, Peggy

Stillman Valley High School 1, 2, 3

Pearson, Richard

Band 1, 2
Intramural 1, 2, 3, 4

Seniors



Top Row

Rich, Clark

Basketball 3, 4
F. F. A. 1, 2, 3, 4
Intramural 1, 2, 3, 4

Rich, Donald

Allied Youth 1
Basketball 3
Intramural 1, 2, 3, 4

Rich, John

Basketball 3, 4
F. F. A. 1, 2, 3 Vice-President 4
Intramural 1, 2, 3, 4
Spartan Club 3, 4

Bottom Row

Roush, Marvin

Class Vice President 4
F. F. A. 2, 3, 4
Intramural 1, 2, 3, 4
National Honor Society 3, 4
Student Council 2, 4

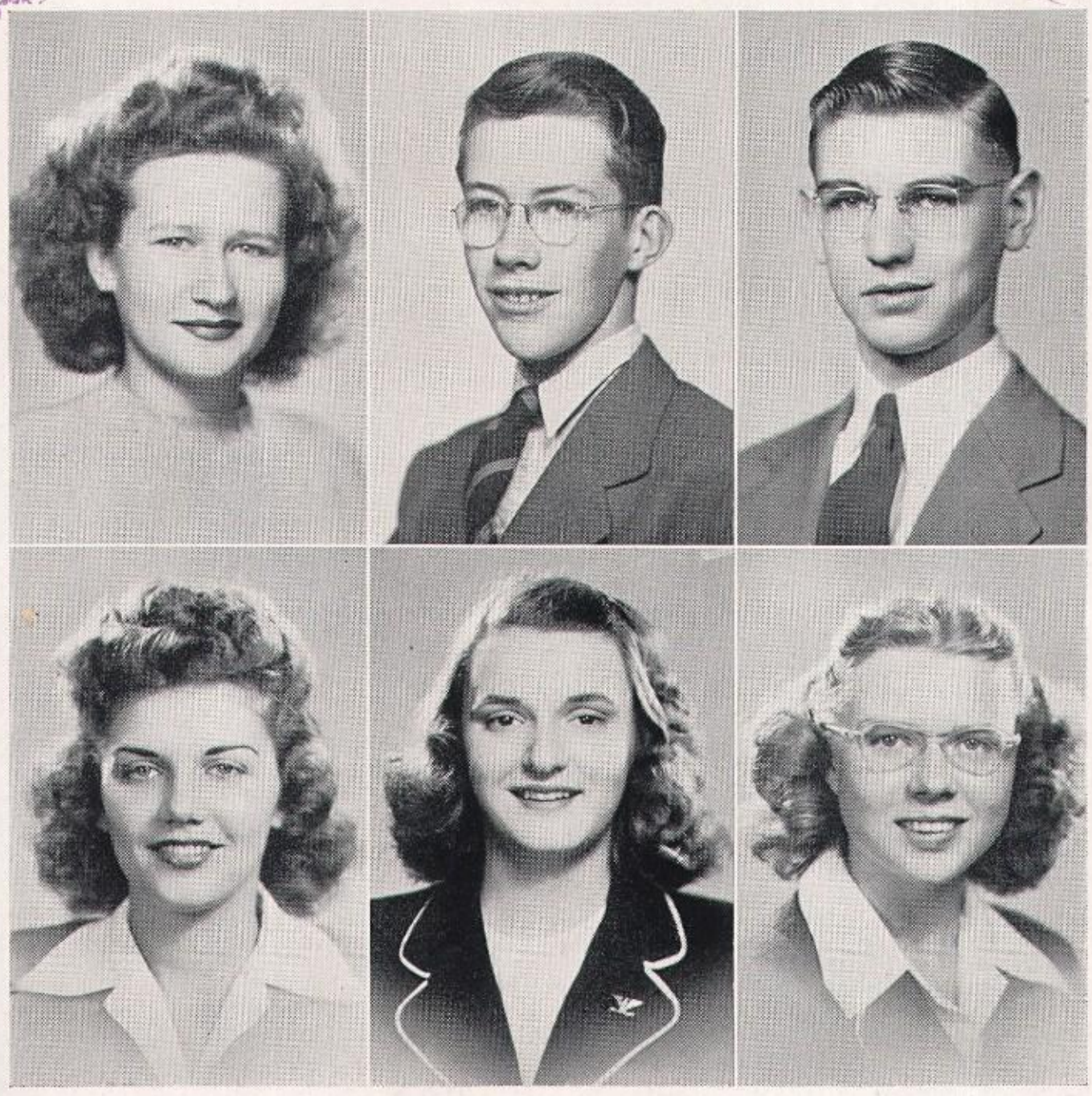
Rudy, Kenneth

Allied Youth 1
Basketball Manager 1
Chorus 1
Football 1, Captain 2, 3, 4
Intramural 1, 2
Spartan Club 2, 3, 4

Russell, Genevieve

A'Cappella 2, 3, 4
Allied Youth 1
Band 1, 2, 3, 4
Chorus 1, 2, 3, 4
Operetta 2, 4

Seniors



Top Row

Schuenke, Rosemarie

Gleason, Wisconsin High School 1, 2

Sellers, Keith

A'Cappella 1, 2, 3, 4
Band 1, 2, 3, 4
Chorus 1, 2, 3, 4
Music Contest 3, 4
Operetta 2, 4

Shott, Richard

Bottom Row

Sjostrom, Barbara

A'Cappella 4
Allied Youth 1, 2
Chorus 1, 2, 3, 4
G. A. A. 1, 2
Operetta 2, 4
Senior Class Play Cast

Slezak, Nancy

Band 1, 2, 3, 4
Class Treasurer 4
G. A. A. 1, 2, 3, 4
Leaves Staff 2, 3, 4
Pep Club 2, 3
Senior Class Play
Student Council 4
Sycohi News Staff 3

Swanson, Arline

Band 1, 2, 3
G. A. A. 1, 2, 3, Vice President 4
Leaves Staff 2, 3, 4
Pep Club 2, 3
Senior Class Play

Seniors

Top Row

Swanson, Norma

A'Cappella 3, 4
Band 1, 2
Cheerleader 2, 3, 4
Chorus 1, 2, 3, 4
Class Treasurer 3
G. A. A. 1, Treasurer 2; Point Secretary 3
Leaves Staff 2, 4
National Honor Society 4
Operetta 2, 4
Pep Club 2, 3, 4
Senior Class Play Cast

Thompson, Rose

A'Cappella 4
Allied Youth 1, 2
Chorus 1, 2, 3, 4
G. A. A. 1, 2
Operetta 2, 4
Senior Class Play Cast

Underwood, Mary

A'Cappella 2, 3
Allied Youth 2, 3
Chorus 1, 2, 3
Class Vice-President 1
G. A. A. 1, 2, 3
Home Economics Club 2, 3
Operetta 2
Pep Club 2, Vice-President 3
Sycohi News Staff 3

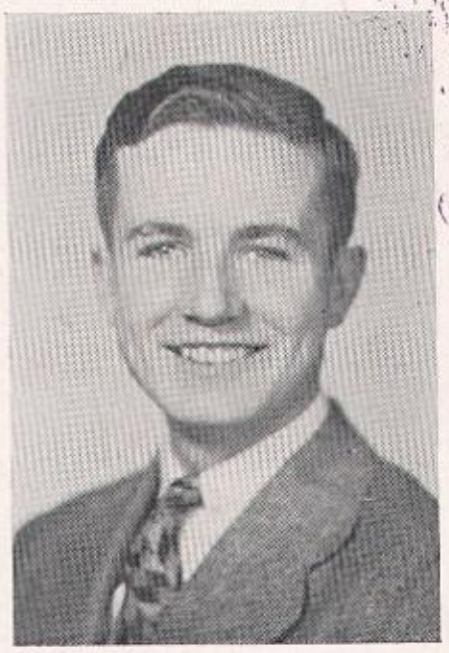
Bottom Row

Wallace, Richard

Band 1, 2
Basketball 1, 2, 3
Football 1, 2, 3
Intramural 3, 4
Spartan Club 3, 4

Westerbeck, William

Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4
Class President 1
Class Vice-President 2, 3
Football 2, 3 Co-captain 4
National Honor Society 3, President 4
Spartan Club 3, 4
Student Council 2, 4
Track 3, 4



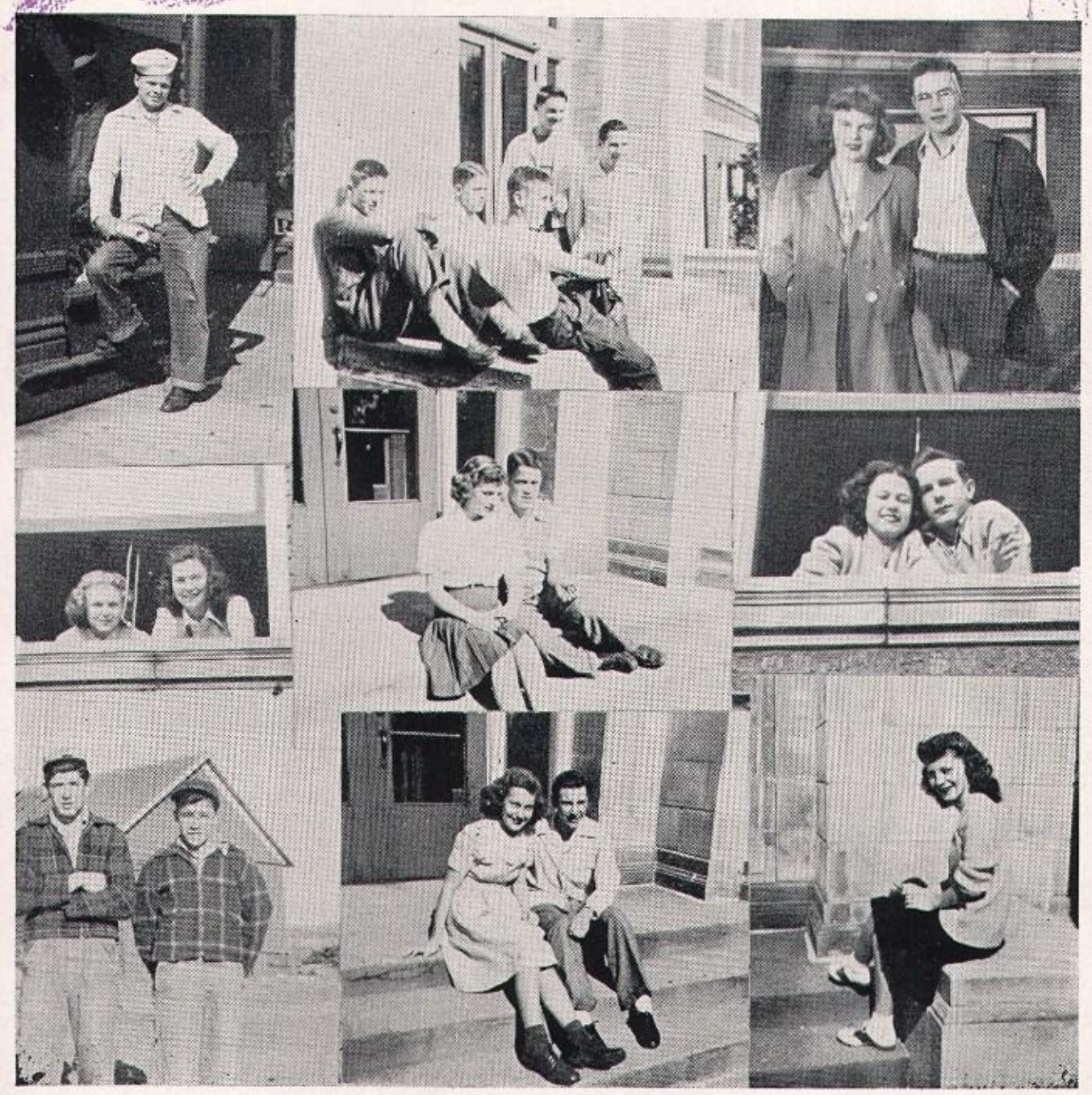
Williamson, Esther

Chorus 1, 2
Operetta 2

Wolfe, Leonard

F. F. A. 1, 2, 3, 4
Intramural 1, 2, 3, 4

Earl Young
N. I. S. T. C., Student Teacher



Top Row

Little Sailor

Convention

Andy hits a new high

Second Row

Framed

Rene and Teddy

Looks like love

Third Row

When we were young

Two on a step

Waiting?

Senior Class Will

We, the class of nineteen hundred and forty six, in our last will and testament hereby bequeath all of our worldly possessions to the unsuspecting underclassmen who are sadly in need of them.

Vince Ahnquist
leaves that voice of his to any boy who intends to serenade Donna Carlson next year.

Ted Anderson
bestows that subtle humor of his upon Mr. Hauswald. At least get a new joke book, Hausey!

John Astling
leaves Leota to anybody who wants to take care of her next year—for John, of course.

Georgianne Bauer
leaves her ability to attract men to whoever grabs it first. If you don't believe she's got it, look at her senior picture.

Roy Bergeson
leaves Dick Amundsen behind to annoy Miss Billet some more. Wasn't it fun, boys?

Don Burrow
wills his tractor driving ability to Howard Scott. Maybe you'll have better luck with a tractor than your car, Clem.

Lois Conley
leaves her ability to receive punishment at freshmen initiations to anyone who is a good sport.

Lois Dagg
said she wouldn't leave her marine behind, so we decided to let her have him. Ah, love!

Wilfred Deutsch
leaves his ability to sleep in class to Wesley Elliott. Now you can pursue girls in the evening as well as after school, Jumbo.

Betty Eklund
leaves her intensive study habits to Allan Doane.

Duane Ells
dashes madly out of Miss Adams' English IV C class for the last time. What a relief, eh "Zig"?

Jean Fellinger
waits patiently for the "one-and-only" from Marengo. What's he got that Van Johnson hasn't, Jean? Yeah, we know—you!

Doris Griffith
leaves her ability to twirl the baton to her sister. Now you can get into the **swing** of things, Marilyn.

Sylvia Gronberg
bequeaths her quiet calm manner to "Bob" Smith.

Donald Hale
leaves his ability on the basketball floor to Charles Wynn.

Richard Hale
is so glad to get out of Mr. Schrader's modern history class that he forgot to leave anything. "Coach" should pick on somebody his own size, shouldn't he, Richard?

Bob Hennis
just hates to leave Marylou. Chin up, Bob, she gets her pardon next year.

Doris Hillquist
leaves Sycohi to hurry away to Augustana College. What is the great attraction, Doris?

Shirley Howe
runs out of the door to find Knobby—who else?

Alice Johnson
sees "red" every time she thinks about leaving school. Tough luck, Alice, but maybe Belvidere will prove more profitable.

Melvin Johnson
finally got a girl friend and he's not willing to give her up. How about that, "Cherrie"?

Audrey "Glamourpuss" Knudsen
leaves her nickname, "H2O2" to Muggs Miner. It'll take several rinses, but you can do it if you stick to it, Muggs.

Fred Larson
leaves that heavy walk of his to Edward Butzow. Now you can scare anyone in study hall clear out of their meditative mood, Ed.

Bob Lindstrom
wills his ability to pick out-of-town girls to "Stubby" London. That's quite a gift, "Stub". Hope you have as good luck.

Eleanor Loptein
leaves for her job at the A & P and Bob. Since he works there, too, it doesn't look like such a bad situation.

Mary Lou Mathy
leaves her ability to "play the field" to Audrey McCullah.

Shirley McGetrick
leaves her measurements on file in the cooking lab for future reference of the overweight.

Bernard McMillan
leaves some of his beautiful black hair to Ralph McCall.

Art Merchant
leaves his basketball skill to any future intramural player who wishes to demolish the opposing team.

Marilyn Miller
wills her easy-to-manage hair to Peggy Kallembach. Now you won't have to struggle so, Peggy.

Alvin Mirotznik
leaves his masculine personality and way with women to Don Kallembach.

Helen Montgomery
and her ring leave in a hurry, for she has an engagement.

Barbara Nelson
wills her giddy interest in Miss Adams' English IV class to Gordon Williams. Oh, brother!

Betty Nowlen
leaves that "I'm on a diet" stuff to Viola Alexander. We'll believe it when we see it, Betty.

Peggy Parker
wills all those waves to the Navy.

Richard Pearson
leaves his farmer-boy look to Jimmie Doty. Does the nickname go with it, "Woog"?

Clark Rich
leaves his ability to always get in a basketball game to "Pretty Boy" Gustafson. Maybe we'll win more games next year.

Don Rich
bestows that dimple of his to Strombom. What a girl-killer you'll be now, "Scummy".

John Rich
succumbs to the "Mayor of Virgil" and leaves for more fertile grounds.

Marvin Roush
leaves with his faithful "Chevy' for parts unknown. This has been the last year for the chevy, and it's a good thing.

Kenny Rudy
leaves that bright red blush of his to anyone who wants to stop traffic. Depends on what kind, doesn't it, Kenny?

Genevieve Russell
wills her place in the band to Richard Swanson. Better watch out, French Horns.

Rosemary Schuenke
leaves her silent interest in the Navy to Mary Minnihan.

Keith Sellers
wills his ability to beat out the boogie-woogie to Marvin Waldo, since Marvin did so well in that grass skirt at initiation.

Dick Shott
wills those "smooth" clothes of his to Sam Kocher. Watch the girls swoon next year.

Leon Singleton
leaves his ability to get a wife before the rest of us fellows could even get up nerve to whistle at a girl to Herb Renwick. tsk tsk!

Barbara Sjostrom
leaves her weakness for murders to anyone who wants help in getting out of chemistry. Better watch out, Hausey.

Nancy Siezak
bestows her very quiet manner on Audrey McCullah. Maybe that will soothe our broken eardrums left over from the last game.

Arline Swanson
leaves that agreeable personality of hers to anyone who wants to get through modern history. Boring, isn't it, "Eeny"?

Norma Swanson
will those giggles of hers to Miss Butterfield. Does she ever smile?

Rose Thompson
leaves singing "My Bill".

Mary Underwood
leaves those brown, wistful eyes of hers to Norma Scherf. Maybe you can throw away that gun now, Norma.

Dick Wallace
wanting to be different, takes back all the things he has said about the teachers. You can't afford to give something for nothing, can you, Dick?

Bill Westerbeck
bequeaths his tall, dark, and handsome characteristics to Robert Penzotti. Look at the future prospects, Muggs!

Esther Williamson
leaves that ever ready smile to Sylvester Hofbauer. Nothing like overdoing it.

Leonard Wolfe
leaves his knowledge of the law to Elmer Hughes. I'll bet you wish you'd gotten rid of it before you met Kenny, huh, Leonard?

Signed the second Monday of the fifth week in the thirteenth month of the year in the presence of the kind class of '46.

Ima Bugg

Hesa Dope.

Juniors

1st Row: Donald Gustafson, Gerald Applegate, Bruce Hudson, William Edwards, Janet Anderson, Jane Hayes, Joyce Aita

2nd Row: Donna Carlson, Alice Clarner, Bernice Bell, Edward Butzow, Melody Holt, Peggy Kallembach, Donna Blanck, Janet Cone

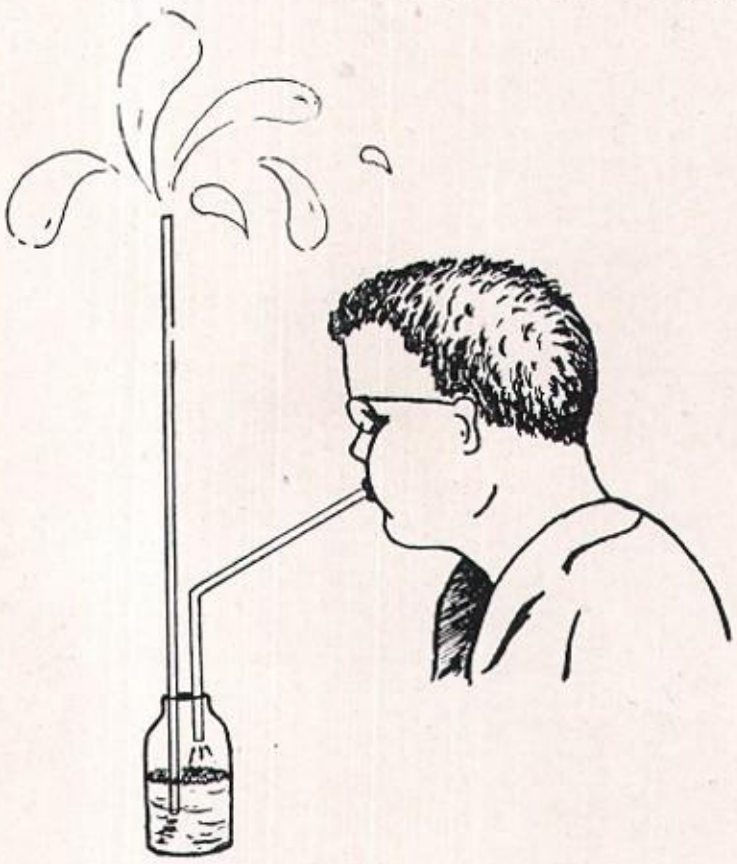
3rd Row: Philip Floit, Barbara Denby, Yvonne Johnson, Florence Hale, Dorothy King, Jean Lindahl, Irene Cleary, Lois Johnson, Mary Lou Horne

4th Row: June Friewald, Viola Alexander, George Clark, Allan Doane, Sylvester Hofbauer, Elmer Hughes, Ida Arison, Marjorie Bolander, Clifford Ells

5th Row: Gordon Drayton, Elliott Doane, Elvin Carlson, Wesley Elliott, William Keller, Donald Kallembach, Theodore Jackson, Richard Amundsen

The class of '47 is three-quarters of the way finished! With luck we should graduate next year. Meanwhile let's survey our past junior year.

To start the year right the traditional junior pencils arrived on time and sold very well. In keeping with the green-and-white of their pencils, the class chose forest green-and-white sweaters after a close vote.



Members of the junior class made up a major part of this year's varsity football squad and a good share of the basketball squad. We were also well-represented on the track team and should prove a credit in athletics to Sycohi during our senior year. The G. A. A., Pep Club, Spartan Club, music department, and other organizations were well-fortified with juniors. Three regular majorettes, two cheerleaders, and one regular flag twirler were juniors; many of the leading roles in the operetta were played by members of our class.

Juniors

Class Officers

Seated: Dorothy King, Treasurer; Clifford Ells, President; Miss Hulbert, Advisor

Standing: Donald Gustafson, Secretary; James Potter, Vice-president

During the last semester of this year the usual percentage of juniors was elected to the National Honor Society. This and the honor roll established this year are the first opportunities we have had for scholastic recognition, and again a good percentage of juniors "made the grade."

Of course the main social event of the year was the Junior-Senior Prom. Funds to cover expenses were raised by the sale of the pencils, concessions at games, and profits from the candy machine. The decoration and entertainment committees did particularly fine work, helping greatly in the success of the prom.

Class officers this year were: Clifford Ells, president; Jim Potter, vice-president; Don Gustafson, secretary; and Dorothy King, treasurer. Our class sponsor was Miss Hulbert.

With the completion of final examinations the class of '47 brought their junior year to a close, leaving a record not easily equalled, and looking forward to a bright future as seniors.

1st Row: Milton Westlake, Stanley Racich, Clayton McCue, James Patterson, Herbert Renwick, Donald Stearns, Rex Morrison, Dick Smith

2nd Row: Louise Woodward, Betty Sloniker, Marilyn Lloyd, Elsie Nimerfroh, Chester Wig, Robert Westberg, Jeanne Smith, Esther Strong, Mary Taylor

3rd Row: Donald Tedford, Stuart Nelson, Howard Scott, Joy Niebergall, Audrey McCullah, Donna Wisted, Dolores Meier, Merle Swedberg, Robert Wallace, James Potter

4th Row: La Vern London, Grayce Stroud, Elise Singer, Rose Rickard, James Schwab, Lester Wolfe, Grace Lindquist, Lillian Singleton, Velma McMillan, Marion Lindgren, Margaret Morgan

Sophomores

1st Row: James Doty, Norma Anderson, George Hayward, Marshall King, Edwin Harding, Sam Kocher, Orville Chambers

2nd Row: Paul Burke, Dorothy Clawson, DeLyle Densborn, Barbara Jahns, Doris Lindgren, Georgia Howe, Dorlan Ells, Phyllis Kingsbury

3rd Row: Evelyn Dinsmore, Roger Brooke, Leota Fletchall, Gertrude Johnson, Marjorie Johnson, Dolores Knighton, Bonnie Gustafson, Mary Ann Gray

4th Row: Dolores Koch, Charlotte Hoffman, Jeanette Cassier, Betty Jean Clawson, Grace Florent, Barbara Hoffman, John Bennett, Paul Garman

5th Row: Robert Jacky, Howard Higgins, Thomas Ernest, Richard Korleski, Ronald Jackson, Arthur Gilmore, Gordon Jones

"At last we are safely over the hurdles that confronted us as freshmen!" That is the very pleasing thought in the minds of all Sycohi sophomores beginning their new 1945-46 term. Ah! the thrill of being "upper-lower" classmen, that in-between stage. Now it's our turn to watch, with an air of superiority, the new freshmen in their frantic search for their respective rooms and teachers. We view sympathetically the attempts to open their lockers accompanied by many a puzzled frown and futile twisting and turning of the combinations. We also viewed, (unsympathetically), from the bleachers the freshman initiation. It was our first real opportunity to enjoy this occasion.

The sophomores have a very large and fine class. It has attained a high scholastic standing in the school as well as a good representation in the various school activities.

Shortly after school began the football season opened. The sophomores were very proud of their representatives on the light-weight team and of the fine co-operation and good sportsmanship they displayed throughout the season.

Sophomores

Class Officers

Seated: Gertrude Johnson, Secretary; Miss Keeler, Advisor; Roger Brooke, Treasurer

Standing: Marshall King, Vice-president; Orville Chambers, President

As the weather became colder, football became less popular and the boys turned to a winter season of basketball. Those of the sophomore class who helped to make a successful year for the "Ponies" were Dick Troeger, Art Gilmore, "Hezzy" McClean, Roger Brooke, Roland Smith, "Swede" Higgins, and Sam Kocher.

Neither football nor basketball would be complete without the aid of the "morale-building" cheerleaders, and we are proud to say that one of them, Barbara Jahns, is a member of the sophomore class.

Besides football and basketball the sophomores have entered into many other school activities. There is a large sophomore group in the A'Cappella Choir, band, operetta, and choruses. The class also boasts members in the G. A. A., Pep Club, and on the Leaves staff.

This year the sophomores elected the following as their class officers: Orville Chambers, president; Marshall King, vice-president; Gertrude Johnson, secretary; and Roger Brooke, treasurer.

1st Row: Richard Troeger, Donald Swanson, George McMillan, Roland Smith, Arthur Palm, Emmett McLean, Francis Vosburgh, Michael Racich

2nd Row: Robert Wildenradt, James Stark, Jean Rubeck, Judy Wade, Arnold McMillan, Sally Riley, Norma Wordan, Virginia Villegas

3rd Row: Marilyn Wood, Dolores Sederberg, Sally Stevens, Joyce Uting, Adeline Nimerfroh, Maxine Lingren, Donna Parker, Lillian Westhouse, Elaine Riley

4th Row: Margaret Miner, Cora Lowe, Jean McLean, Clara Yunker, Jacquelyn Whitman, Arliss Nelson, Joan Sandstrom, Gail Parks, Colleen O'Connor

Freshmen

1st Row: Morris Heininger, Lawrence Larson, Gene Haugen, Arden Carlson, Edward Borland, Robert Clapsaddle, Mary Conlon, Rachel Buettell

2nd Row: Betty Abrams, Elaine Christensen, Geraldine Hill, Harriet Deisz, Doris Daniels, LaVern Dinges, James Bell, William Gustafson, Vernon Freeman

3rd Row: Frances Conley, Marilyn Harding, Betty Drake, Orval Kingsnorth, Robert Keneway, Herbert Leonard, Virginia Jackson, Marilyn Griffith, Marilyn Gilmore, Jacqueline Hill.

4th Row: Marion Lindberg, Dorothy Johnson, Stella Butts, John Haeberle, Joseph Lee, Katherine Joslyn, Rose Gray, Clarabelle Hove, Richard Hall, Arthur Eberly

5h Row: Theodore Campbell, La Vern Gronberg, Leonard Kallembach, Nelson Hanks, Kenneth Clarner, LeRoy Lindbloom, George Boynton, Burton Lee, Gerald Fraunberg, James Linville.

The arrival of the Freshmen last fall caused general confusion for awhile.

"I'm sure my big sister said Miss Jordan's room was in the basement.'

"The office is near the assembly, but where is the assembly?"

The second day was better and by the third most of us could find the way from one class to another in only a little more than three minutes.

When the football season began, many of the freshmen boys could be found out on the field practicing. Next came basketball, and quite a few went out for that too.

To us, the initiations were something to look forward to with apprehension. One afternoon in the fall, you might have seen boys at school with their pantlegs rolled up, doing unusual things, or, if they were lucky, just dodging seniors. Yes, this was part of the freshman initiation. Later in the afternoon the process was completed in the gym with a Kangaroo Court of senior boys presiding.

Freshmen

Class Officers

Seated: Jerene Swedberg, Secretary; Miss Jordan, Advisor; Donald Tyrrell, Vice-president

Standing: Arden Carlson, President; Edward Borland, Treasurer

A few days later, on a dreary afternoon, it looked as if Martians had invaded S.H.S But no, these were only new members of the G. A. A. who had been left to the mercy of the senior members. Thirteen pigtails, odd articles of clothing, and the makeup worn were very striking.

In the spring, when the basketball season was over, we had our freshman party. As usual, every one had a good time.

Our capable class officers for this year are: Arden Carlson, president; Donald Tyrrell, vice-president; Jerene Swedberg, secretary; and Edward Borland, treasurer.

Next year, when we all hope to be sophomores, you will probably find us standing in the halls maliciously watching the doors, and if they ask us for help—why what ever gave you the idea they would be sent in the wrong direction?

1st Row: Charles Wynn, Robert Reuss, Eunice Yardley, John Wi'liams, Robert Penzotti, Sam Petrie, James Phelps, Donald Tyrrell, Raymond Youngman

2nd Row: Pearl Mirotznik, Fran Tome, Juanita McMillan, William Roberts, Ruby London, Julie Ann Westlake, Jerene Swedberg, Gloria Thurnau, Russell Utter, Lyle Medine

3rd Row: Arliss Matteson, Dorothy Meier, Nancy Seymour, Vineta McMillan, Donna Sparrow, Halle Belle Matthews, Marvin Waldo, Doris Ann Slezak, Betty Swedberg, Grace Matteson

4th Row: Robert Woodward, Robert Rebhorn, Gordon Williams, Donald Overton, Rudolph Parker, Phyllis Peterson, Mary Minnehan, Norma Scherf, Sarah Jane Paddock, Janice Sellers

5th Row: David Tower, Ralph McCall, Arthur Knuckles, Roger Michael, Glenn Robinson, Gerald Smith, Richard Shields, Donnabel Robinson, Melvin Westlake, Donald Troutman

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Activities

Leaves Staff

1st Row: Margaret Miner, Jane Hayes, Elise Singer, Mr. Hauswald, Ida Arison, Norma Anderson, Audrey McCullah
2nd Row: Donna Carlson, Elaine Riley, Judy Wade, Shirley McGetrick, Shirley Howe, Barbara Jahns, Paul Burke
3rd Row: Colleen O'Connor, Arline Swanson, Betty Nowlen, Norma Swanson, Doris Hillquist, Sally Stevens, Jeanie MacLean, Joyce Uting
4th Row: Arden Carlson, Allan Doane, Helen Montgomery, Sylvia Gronberg, Eleanore Loptien, Joy Niebergall, Duane Ells, Marjorie Bolander
5th Row: Vincent Ahnquist, Elliott Doane, Elvin Carlson, Herbert Renwick, Nancy Slezak, Janet Anderson, Marilyn Miller, Robert Lindstrom

We were told to prepare an annual, and see what we did! By working our fingers to the bone, we managed to meet the necessary deadlines and raise funds to cover expenses. Pictures are the order of the day in this book, with additional pages to accommodate more of them. With our advisor, Mr. Hauswald, and Photography Editor Muggs Miner both clicking the shutters, we received quite a collection of snapshots. The individual senior pictures and most of the group pictures were taken by a photographer from Morrison's Studios in Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

The Leaves of '46 was planned by a committee of six girls with the help of Mr. Hauswald. Regular meetings of the committee were held at 2:00 P. M. every Monday afternoon, so that ideas or suggestions might be discussed and plans for raising funds might be made. Those who attended the meetings were Doris Hillquist, Editor-in-chief; Ida Arison, Associate Editor; Muggs Miner, Photography Editor; Nancy Slezak, Art Editor; Elise Singer, Business Manager; and Jane Hayes, Literary Editor. These six girls met so often with Mr. Hauswald that they became known (at least among themselves) as "Hauswald's Harem". Speaking of raising funds, Elise Singer is to be complimented upon her efficient handling of the financial end of this project. The Leaves obtained money from the magazine drive (handled by Miss Paterson), the Leaves Concert, subscriptions, concessions at games, activity tickets, and the school board. One of the major sources of income was the concession at the State Regional Basketball Tournament held in Sycamore from Feb. 27 thru March 1. During this time the business and literary staffs were drafted to sell and cook food. We pay special tribute to the committee, headed by Betty Nowlen that cooked the hot dogs. The members of that committee sacrificed their chance to see the games in order that the "dogs" might be kept steaming hot. Also we praise each and every one of the people who braved the crowd to sell from the floor—the gym was so packed no one could have moved to leave his place during the last few nights.

You may have noticed an occasional caricature accompanying an article. These were created by the Art Staff, headed by Nancy Slezak, and serve as reminders of occasions which could not be recorded on film.

We of the annual staff wish to express our gratitude to all those who have made it possible to successfully publish the Leaves of 1946.

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HAUSWALD'S HAREM

Janes Hayes, Elise Singer, Doris Hillquist, Mr. Hauswald, Margaret Miner, Ida Arison, Naicy Slezak

Band

1st Row: Thomas Ernest, Donna Blanck, George Boynton, Elliott Doane, Elise Singer, Ida Arison, Rose Rickard

2nd Row: Rachel Buettell, Katherine Josyln, Eunice Yardley, Betty Eklund, Nancy Slezak, Nelson Hanks, Richard Swanson, Genevieve Russell, Arthur Gilmore, Jane Hayes, William Roberts, Donna Carlson, Jack Haeberle, Edward Borland, Marvin Waldo

3rd Row: Patricia Miller, Marilyn Hagen, Doris Slezak, Elaine Riley, Theodore Campbell, Richard Shields, Theodore Jackson, Roger Michael, Keith Sellers, Donald Swanson, Roger Brooke, Betty Swedberg, Mr. Brand

Under the capable direction of Mr. Brand, the band has enjoyed another very active year. The band has joined with the choruses to present several programs of interest to the whole community. Service was also rendered to the community by playing at civic events such as Memorial Day and Armistice Day programs.

At Christmas the Band and A'Cappella Choir presented an evening program of Christmas music, with the Band playing a group of carols and the "Skater's Waltz".

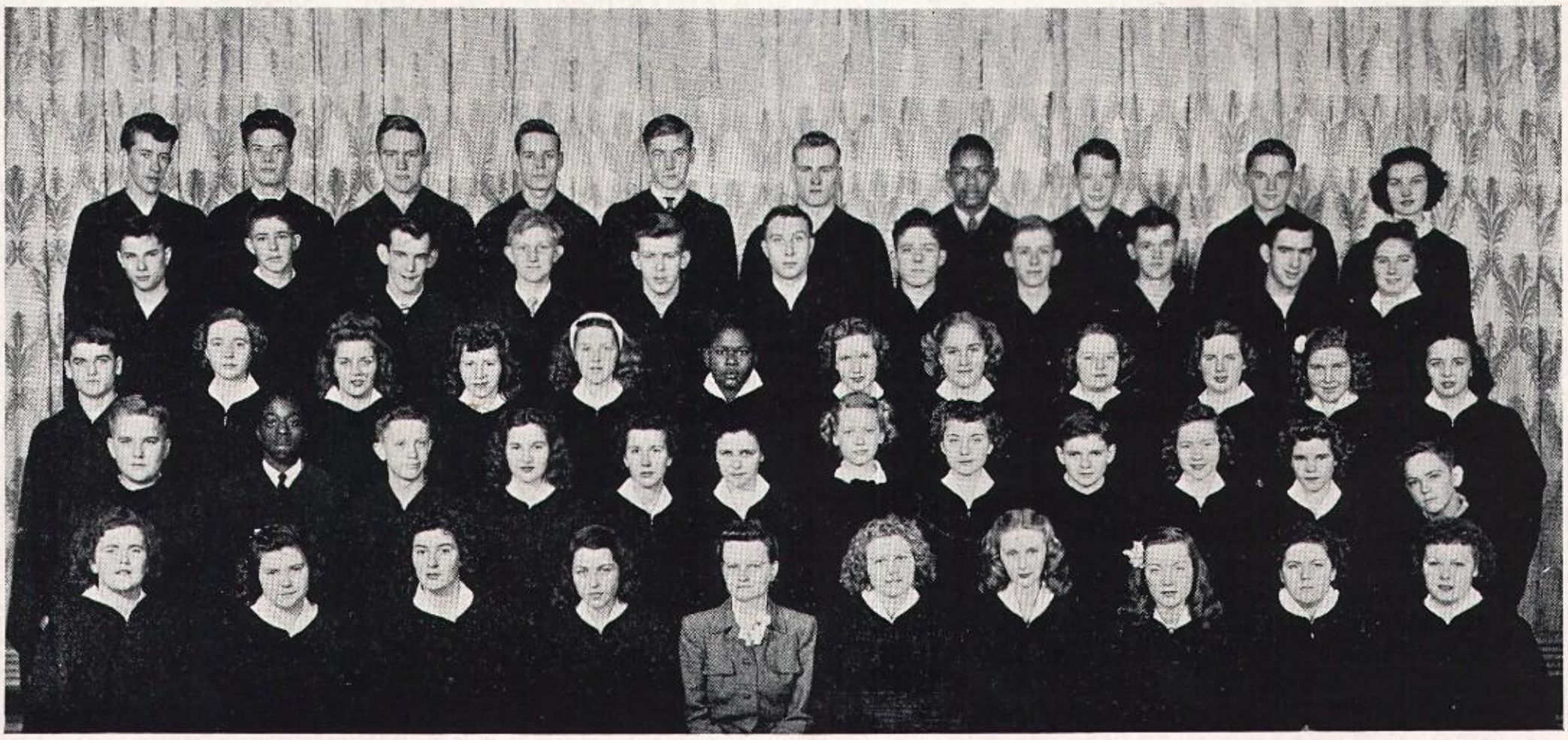
On April 5, the Band took the main part in the annual Spring Concert, which was sponsored by the Leaves. Assisting were the other organizations in the Music Department.

Our band was represented in a very large group which played at the Teachers' Institute at DeKalb, on the eighth of February. In this group were members of high school bands throughout the county. Each band sent about one-third of its members to DeKalb. The large band was directed by Dr. Toenniges, music instructor at the Northern Illinois State Teachers College.

On April 6 the band, together with the A'Cappella Choir, went to the District Music Contest at Rochelle. Since this was the first opportunity for organizations to appear in the contest since before the war, most schools sent at least one large group.

Late in the spring the band ushered in the departing class of '46 to the strains of "Pomp and Chivalry" by Roberts. The final appearances of the Band at Baccalaureate and Commencement brought to a close a year which had been enjoyed by band members and other students alike.

A Cappella Choir



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2nd Row: Marvin Waldo, Rudolph Parker, James Stark, Georgianne Bauer, Shirley McGetrick, Shirley Howe, Doris Ann Slezak, Judy Wade, Herbert Leonard, Jean Rubeck, Barbara Jahns, Paul Burke

3rd Row: Dorlan Ells, Rachel Buettell, Barbara Sjostrom, Rose Thompson, Dorothy Johnson, Hallie Belle Matthews, Sally Stevens, Jeanette Cassier, Doris Hillquist, Jeanie MacLean, Marjorie Johnson, Mary Underwood

4th Row: Allan Doane, Nelson Hanks, Roland Smith, Arden Carlson, James Schwab, Bruce Hudson, Roger Michael, Marshall King, Gerald Smith, Elmer Hughes, Gail Parks

5th Row: Keith Sellers, Elliott Doane, Vincent Ahnquist, Gordon Drayton, Elvin Carlson, Herbert Renwick, Theodore Jackson, James Phelps, Orville Chambers, Marilyn Miller

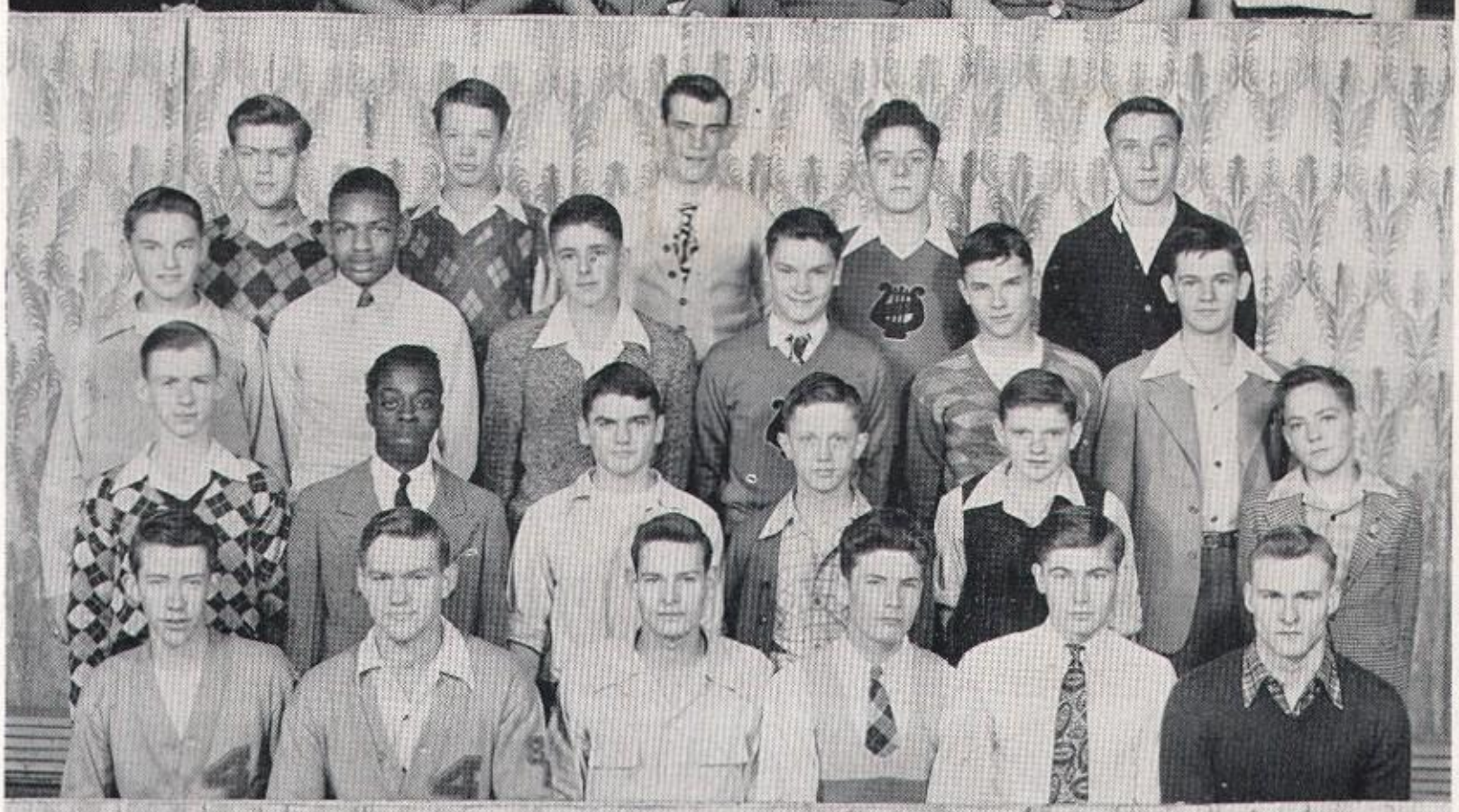
During the school year of 1945-46 the A Cappella Choir has been very active, participating on many occasions. The choir practices during homeroom period, from 11:05—11:45, on Tuesday and Thursday. The shop class has constructed some new risers this year to replace the previous clumsy benches. With the new risers, the choir can sing in more places, and can practice the arrangements for concerts all year. The first concert of the year, the Christmas Concert, was held on December 20. The A Cappella choir sang a varied program which included several of the more familiar Christmas carols. The concert ended with the "Hallelujah Chorus" and "The Glory of the Lord" by Handel, "There Shall a Star Come Out of Jacob" by Mendelssohn, and "A Mighty Fortress is Our God" by Mueller.

"The Pirates of Penzance", by Gilbert and Sullivan, was presented on March 22, and was highly enjoyed by the large audience present. Fine chorus work ably assisted the cast and did much to make the production a success.

On April 5 the band and the A Cappella Choir again co-operated in the Spring Concert, an annual program looked forward to by all. On April 6 the choir went to the District Organizations Contest, and competed with many other choral groups. The contest numbers included, "Go, Song of Mine" by Will Barton, "Open Our Eyes" by Will McFarlane, and "Ole Ark's A-Moverin' " by Noble Cain.

As in the past, the choir sang for Baccalaureate this year, and with this appearance ended a very active and productive year.

Choruses



Choruses

.-SR. GIRLS' CHORUS

Row: Marilyn Miller, Jane Hayes, Audrey Knudsen, Rose Rickard, Viola Alexander, Elise Singer

Row: Elsie Nimerfroh, Shirley McGetrick, Shirley Howe, Miss Russell, Mary Taylor, Esther Strong, Margaret Parker

Row: Alice Clarner, Audrey McCullah, Norma Swanson, Doris Hillquist, Jean Fellinger, Rose Thompson, Mary Lou Underwood, Georianne Bauer

Row: Ida Arison, Helen Montgomery, Marjorie Bolander, Donna Wisted, Genevieve Russell, Dolores Meier, Dorothy King, Barbara Sjostrom

YS' CHORUS

Row: Keith Sellers, Vincent Ahnquist, Gordon Drayton, Elliott Doane, Elvin Carlson, Herbert Renwick

Row: Marshall King, Rudolph Parker, Dorlan Ells, James Stark, Herbert Leonard, Paul Burke

Row: Orville Chambers, Theodore Jackson, Nelson Hanks, George Boynton, Allan Doane, Jerry Smith

Row: James Schwab, James Phelps, Roland Smith, Roger Michael, Bruce Hudson

-SOPH. GIRLS' CHORUS

Row: Eunice Yardley, Mary Ann Gray, Mary Conlon, Donnabelle Robinson, Cora Lowe, Arliss Nelson, Janice Sellers, Stella Hutts, Dorothy Meier

Row: Doris Lindgren, Jacquelyn Hill, Juanita McMillan, Virginia Jackson, Marilyn Griffith, Betty Abrams, Barbara Jahns, Elaine Christianson, Doris Daniels, Harriet Weisz

Row: Rose Gray, Dolores Knighton, Marjorie Johnson, Judy Wade, Grace Matteson, Pearl Mirotznik,, Betty Swedberg, Marilyn Wood, Fran Tome, Sally Riley

Row: Margaret Miner, Barbara Hoffman, Nancy Seymour, Gail Parks, Colleen O'Connor, Katherine Joslyn, Sally Stevens, Jean Lubeck, Phyllis Kingsbury, Maxine Lindgren

Row: Venita McMillan, Norma Scherf, Rachel Buettell, Dorothy Johnson, Jacquelyn Whitman, Jeanette Cassier, Doris Sleak, Jeanie MacLean, Hallie Belle Matthews, Mary Minnehan

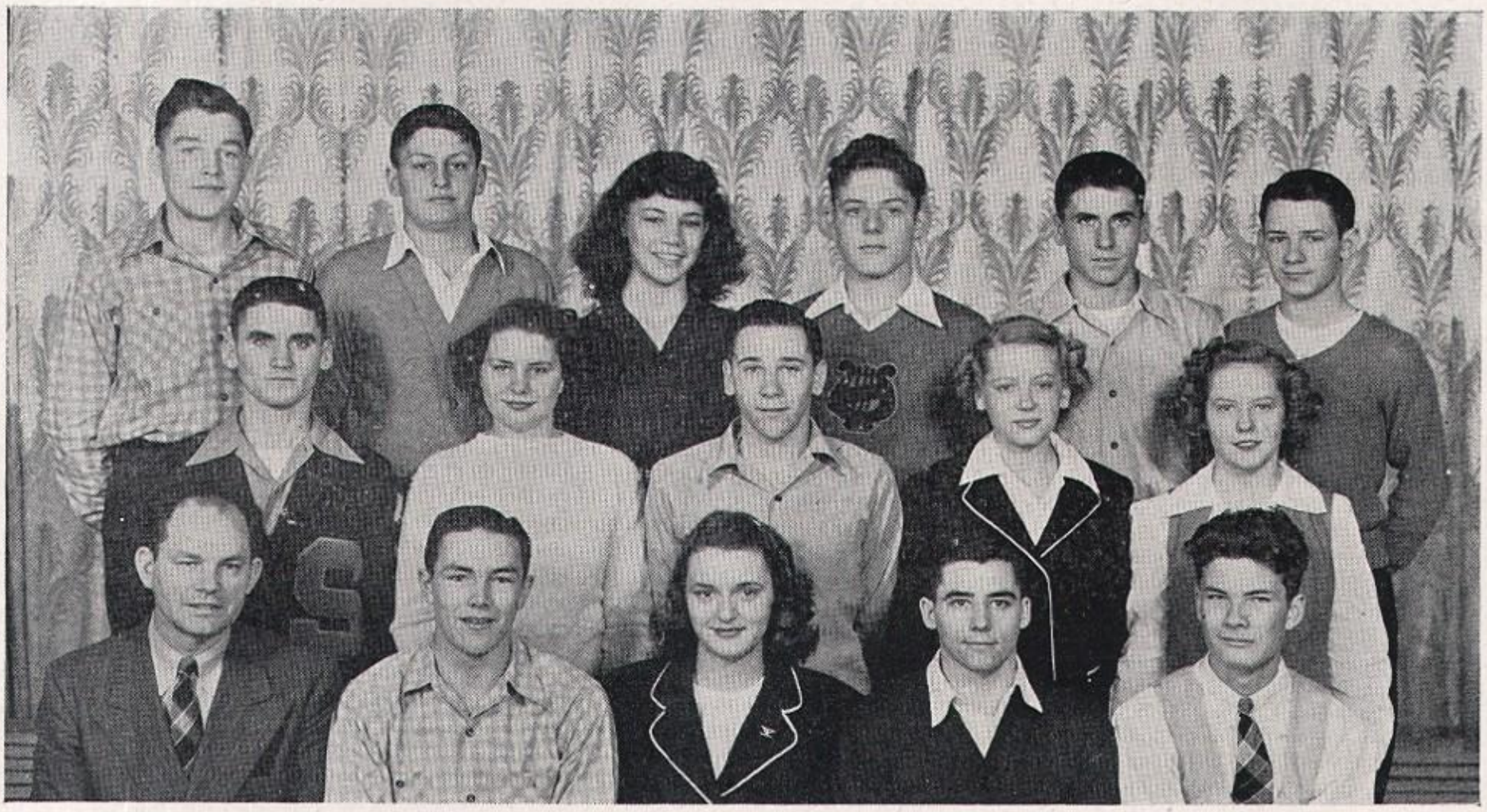
Directed by Miss Allene Russell, the choruses this year presented a number of fine programs. Of these, the one involving the most preparation was the operetta, "The Pirates of Penzance". Although not all the members of the choruses participated in the actual singing of the operetta, each person was assigned to a particular job in the presentation, and each did his part toward making it a success that it was. Members of the girls' choruses doubled as dancers and singers in the production; the dancers were directed by Mrs. Schrader and Miss Coady.

Another appearance made by the choruses was the annual Leaves Concert, to which the entire music department contributed. This concert was given on April 5, the night preceding the District Music Contest for organizations. As many of the members of the girls' choruses and all of the boys are also members of the A'Cappella Choir, the week-end proved a very busy one.

Several members of the choruses were sent to the District Solo and Small Ensembles Contest at Rochelle on March 2. Those in the girls' octette were Jeanie MacLean, Jeanette Cassier, Sally Stevens, Elise Singer, Ida Arison, Mary Ann Gray, Marjorie Johnson, and Barbara Jahns. A boys' quartet, consisiting of Vincent Ahnquist, Ted Jackson, Bruce Hudson, and Keith Sellers, also went to this event as did a third group, the mixed octette. In the latter group were Shirley McGetrick, Doris Hillquist, Jean Fellinger, Ida Arison, Allan Doane, Ted Jackson, Elliott Doane, and Roger Michael. Members who entered solo selections are as follows: Jeanie MacLean, Jean Rubeck, Shirley McGetrick, Vincent Ahnquist, Keith Sellers, Bruce Hudson, and Roger Michael.

The final contributions made by the choruses was a group of numbers done by the girls at Commencement. This concluded a very busy year for the musical groups of Sycamore High School.

Student Council



1st Row: Mr. Schrader, Theodore Anderson, Nancy Slezak, William Westerbeck, Elliott Doane.
2nd Row: Duane Ells, Audrey McCullah, James Potter, Doris Ann Slezak, Gertrude Johnson.
3rd Row: Melvin Johnson, Marvin Roush, Norma Anderson, Roger Michael, Clifford Ells, Merle Swedberg.

The Student Council is the student governing body of Sycamore Community High School. The purpose of the organization is to act as a medium between the faculty and the student body, to advise ways and means by which the high school may be made a better school and to direct student activities.

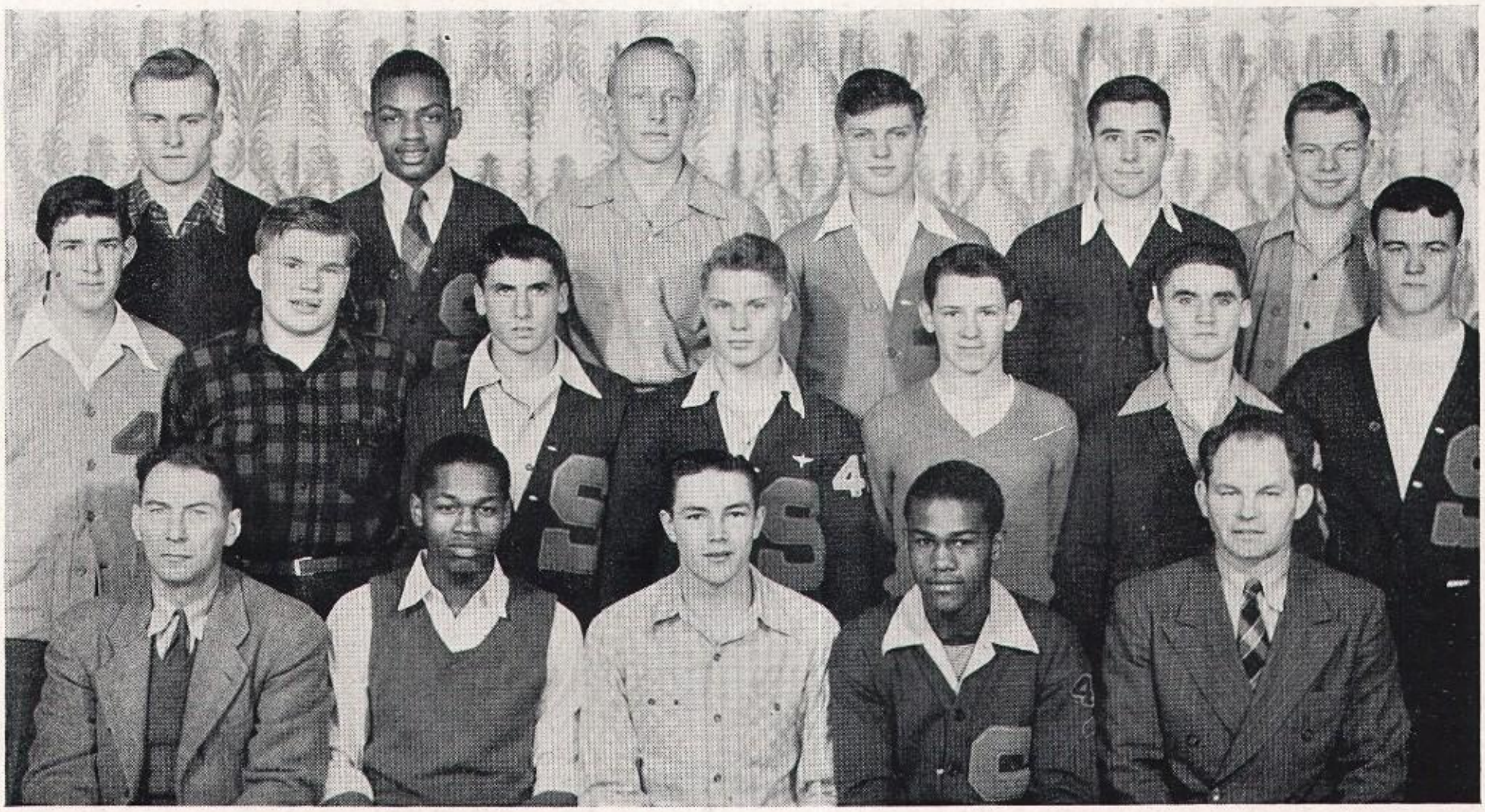
Membership consists of two representatives from each class and one from each major school organization. The Council has fifteen members exclusive of the president, who is elected by the student body. Meetings are held the first and third Tuesday of each month.

The activities of the Student Council consist of controlling all social affairs and sponsoring several of their own. The Get Acquainted Dance is always sponsored by the Council in September. The record machine is under the direct supervision of the Council. All the student suggestions and complaints are taken under advisement by the group. Thus valuable experience is gained by the students elected to this body.

This year the Council sponsored a magician show so that eight members might attend the State Conventions of the Illinois Association of Student Councils which was held at Peoria on April 12 and 13.

The advisor for the Council this year was Mr. Schrader. The officers were: President, Ted Anderson; Vice-President, Jim Potter; and Secretary-Treasurer, Nancy Slezak.

Spartan Club



1st Row: Mr. Strombom, Richard Hale, Theodore Anderson, Donald Hale, Mr. Schrader
2nd Row: John Rich, Gerald Applegate, Clifford Ells, Robert Wallace, Merle Swedberg, Duane Ells, Kenneth Rudy
3rd Row: Herbert Renwick, Theodore Jackson, Fred Larson, Richard Wallace, William Westerbeck, Robert Hennis

The Spartan Club, composed of athletes who have earned a major letter in football, basketball, or track, is an organization formed to promote better sportsmanship inside and outside the school. The sponsors of the Spartan Club are Mr. Strombom and Mr. Schrader. The regular meeting of the club is held once a month.

The club, this year, has sponsored many student activities. These included ushering at games, the spring boxing tournament, and the annual Spartan Dance.

The long awaited-for and secret Spartan initiation was held shortly after the basketball season was over. At this time fourteen new members were added to the Club to make a total of thirty-one members. The boys who had earned the right to be members brought the makings for a pot-luck dinner at the initiation. After the food had disappeared, the new members were submitted to the trying ordeal of proving themselves worthy of being Spartans. All fourteen boys survived and became full-fledged Spartan Club members, thus gaining the right to wear Spartan sweaters.

The officers of the club this year were Duane Ells, president, and Ted Anderson, secretary-treasurer.

G.A.A.

1st Row: Eunice Yardley, Marilyn Miller, Audrey Knudsen, Mary Katherine Conlon, Miss Coady, Rachel Buettell, Betty Eklund, Dorothy Meier

2nd Row: Dorothy Johnson, Grace Matteson, Juanita McMillan, Fran Tome, Ruby London, Jerene Swedberg, Elaine Christiansen, Gloria Thurnau, Harriet Deisz

3rd Row: Janice Sellers, Frances Conley, Marilyn Harding, Rose Gray, LaVonne Sparrow, Betty Swedberg, Marilyn Gilmore, Katie Joslyn, Shirley McGetrick

4th Row: Marion Lindberg, Betty Nowlen, Arline Swanson, Doris Hillquist, Nancy Seymour, Hallie Belle Mathews, Arliss Matteson, Venita McMillan, Doris Slezak

"Great Caesar's ghost!"

Everyone who saw those innocent Freshies on initiation day could make a similar remark. The torturing upperclassmen made such a mess of their faces by plastering them with cold cream and powder that hardly one of them was recognizable. They were required to have thirteen pigtails, one of which had to be fastened to the middle of the forehead with a piece of tape. The rest of the apparel they donned looked as bad or worse than their faces. Besides waiting upon the old members all day, they met in the gym that night for an informal initiation. After each initiate had taken her turn at doing some silly stunt, she was officially inducted into the organization in a short formal initiation at the close of the party.

The outdoor sport for fall was speedball. Many girls participated in the games which were played on Tuesday and Thursday of every week. During late fall the energetic gals tested their skills on the volleyball court.

Bowling and basketball proved to be popular winter sports. Every Wednesday afternoon eight alleys were crowded with enthusiastic "femme" bowlers. You should have seen those pins fall—or did they? This year the five girls with the highest averages bowled in a state-wide telegraphic tournament, placing seventh in the district. Those who bowled in the tournament were as follows: Marilyn Lloyd, Barbara Denby, Gertrude Johnson, Arline Swanson, and Jane Hayes. Ten G.A.A. girls also entered the telegraphic basket-shooting tournament on March 26 sponsored by the state association.

G.A.A.

1st Row: Norma Anderson, Barbara Denby, Dolores Meier, Miss Coady, Jaqueline Whitman, Jeanie MacLean, Gail Parks
2nd Row: Judy Wade, Jean Rubeck, Georgia Howe, Melody Holt, Barbara Jahns, Doris Daniels, Peggy Kallembach, Janet Cone
3rd Row: Joyce Uting, Arliss Nelson, Audrey McCullah, Joy Niebergall, Lois Johnson, Marylou Horne, Jeanne Smith, Betty Sloniker, Elaine Riley
4th Row: Colleen O'Connor, Jeanette Cassier, Barbara Hoffman, Irene Cleary, Marilyn Lloyd, Grace Florent, Gertrude Johnson, Marjorie Johnson, Sally Stevens
5th Row: Janet Anderson, Grayce Stroud, June Freiwald, Jane Hayes, Margaret Miner, Joyce Aita, Ida Arison, Elise Singer

After the conclusion of winter sports, spring was ushered in with more volleyball, baseball, and archery. Throughout all seasonal sports attendance records were extremely good. This record helped to increase the number of awards presented on Class Day.

On February 9, sixty girls and their hand-picked escorts danced to the lively tunes of the Melody Makers, a twelve-piece orchestra from West Chicago. Yep! it was the G.A.A. dance—high-light of all G.A.A. events. The gym was transformed into a Chinese gardan complete with a quaint bridge over a pool and several illuminated, decorative lanterns. Refreshments were served from a gaily decorated table which added to the Oriental atmosphere.

Officers for 1946-47 were elected in the spring. These girls were entitled to attend G.A.A. camp in June at Lake Geneva with the organization helping to pay part of their expenses.

Miss Coady was the new faculty advisor and the officers for this year were as follows: President, Doris Hillquist; Vice-President, Arline Swanson; Secretary, Joyce Aita; Treasurer, Barbara Jahns; and Point-Secretary, Dolores Meier.

Pep Club

1st Row: Georgianne Bauer, Norma Swanson, Bruce Hudson, Barbara Jahns, Audrey McCullah
2nd Row: Miss Coady, Jeanne Smith, Marjorie Johnson, Melody Holt, Peggy Kallembach, Janet Cone
3rd Row: Grace Florent, Jaqueline Whitman, Arliss Nelson, Joy Niebergall, Lois Johnson, Marylou Horne
4th Row: Norma Anderson, Helen Montgomery, Margaret Miner, Barbara Denby, Barbara Hoffman, Marilyn Lloyd, Doris Griffith

Hear that added volume in the cheering section? This year the Pep Club was revolutionized by the addition of a few Freshman boys. It's nice to know that the boys are finally taking an interest in the pep organizations.

This year we are trying to justify our name and provide a little spark of life in the stands at games. We also are adding variety to pep sessions by preparing a few skits to accompany the usual cheers. Miss Coady, as advisor, helped the members of the skit committee in preparation of these, and she worked with the cheerleaders on new cheers. At the last basketball pep session, held in the gym before the tournament, the band, cheerleaders, and Pep Club joined forces to make the program an extra special one.

Pep Club sponsored dances and promoted a general feeling of good will toward opposing teams by exhibiting good sportsmanship and courtesy whenever possible.

Immediately following the basketball season, the Pep Club gave a dinner for the boys who had participated in football and basketball. This was enjoyed by all who attended it.

The officers for 1945-46 were as follows: Marylou Horne, President; Margaret Miner, Vice-President; Jeanne Smith, Secretary; Melody Holt, Treasurer; Audrey McCullah, Student Council representative; and Norma Anderson, Skit Chairman.

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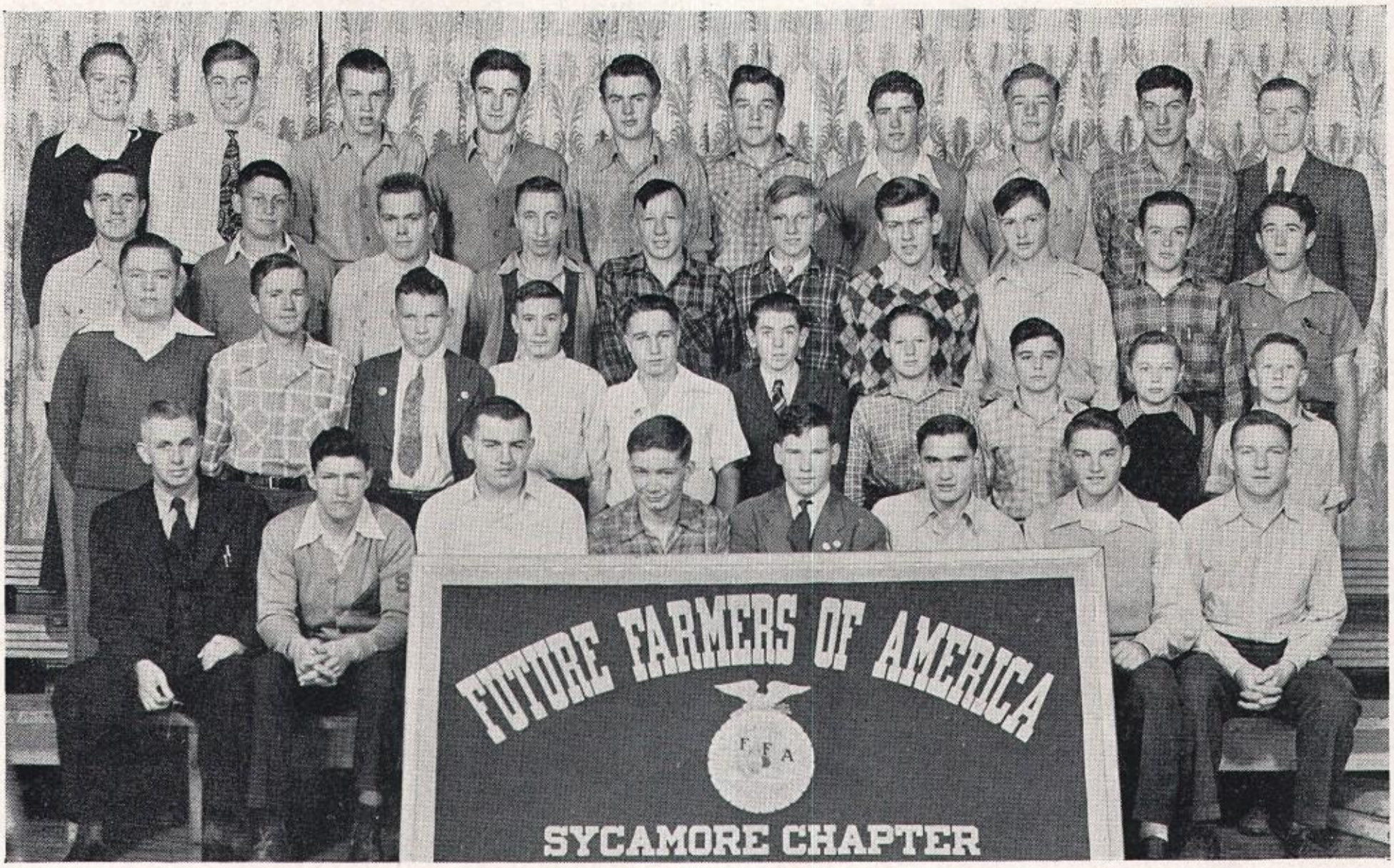

1st Row: Mr. Terrell, Clark Rich, Donald Kallembach, Ronald Jackson, John Williams, Leonard Kallembach, Orville Chambers, Sam Kocher

2nd Row: Donald Stearns, Lester Wolfe, Gordon Williams, Richard Hall, Donald Burrow, Robert Kenneway, William Roberts, James Bell, William Gustafson, Lyle Medine

3rd Row: Leonard Wolfe, Marvin Roush, George Clark, Sylvester Hofbauer, Ralph McCall, Arden Carlson, James Schwab, Francis Vosburgh, Robert Rebhorn, Arthur Eberly

4th Row: Roy Bergeson, Elvin Carlson, Wesley Elliott, Alvin Mirotznik, Gordon Jones, Melvin Johnson, John Rich, LaVerne Gronberg, Wilfred Deutsch, LeRoy Lindblom

After seventeen years of service, the Sycamore chapter of the Future Farmers of America is still continuing to further the interests of agriculture in this community.

Due to the stress of the times no regular meetings were scheduled, and only a few important ones were called. We tried to make those few worthwhile and interesting.

The organization meeting brought twenty new members to its roster, which surely proves that interest has not declined. At this time the election of officers was held, the results of which were as follows: President, Elvin Carlson; Vice-President, John Rich; Secretary, Orville Chambers; Treasurer, Roy Bergeson; and Reporter, Leonard Wolfe.

Several members took livestock to the County Fair at Sandwich, returning with a good share of the prizes. The prize winners were: Wesley Elliott, John Rich, Donald Stearns, and Alvin Mirotznik.

Under the capable leadership of our advisor, Mr. Terrell, approximately forty boys are making a definite contribution to the school and to agriculture.

Senior Class Play

Senior Class Play Cast

1st Row: Helen Montgomery, Audrey Knudsen, Shirley McGetrick, Georgianne Bauer, Norma Swanson
2nd Row: Barbara Sjostrom, Rose Thompson, Barbara Nelson, Mary Lou Mathey, Jean Fellinger

Nine Girls

Senior Class Play

PRODUCTION ASSISTANTS

1st Row: Nancy Slezak, Miss Kathryn Rueber, Marilyn Miller 2nd Row: James Doty, Arline Swanson, Betty Nowlen, Doris Griffith

Nine Girls

On December 4, 1945 at eight o'clock nine Sycohi senior girls under the direction of Miss Rueber, presented Pettitt's thrilling mystery, **Nine Girls.**

The play is presented in a prologue and two acts. The prologue opens in a mountain clubhouse which two college girls are preparing to open. Jane (Shirley McGetrick) tries to conceal her horror of the place from the younger girl, Phyllis (Jean Fellinger). In crisp dialogue and swift moving pace the mood mounts to the moment Jane gives a cry of terror as the younger girl approches the place where a murdered girl was once discovered. She proceeds to tell her story.

Act one opens three years earlier with a radio announcer relating the shocking facts of the murder of Paula, a young college girl. But the announcement is made to an empty room, and the girls drift in unaware that the tragedy has struck one of their close sorority friends. They gossip about Paula and her habit of always snatching other girls' men—the latest being Mary's (Barbara Sjostrom) boy friend. Sharon (Audrey Knudsen) taunts Mary about her loss, until Eve (Norma Swanson) speaks up to defend Mary, and a lively squabble results. However, they are silenced by the announcer repeating the news of Paula's death. The girls are horrified, and Alice (Georgianne Bauer), Paula's close friend, is under a heavy strain for she has just received a letter from Paula which may supply an important clue. After Jane, Freida (Helen Montgomery), Eve, Sharon, and Shotput (Mary Lou Mathey) leave for the ranger station to phone their homes, Alice who is unable to sleep comes downstairs and confides in Mary about the letter. Mary, suspecting Alice knows too much, tricks her into giving her the letter and then poisons her, making the murder appear to be suicide.

In act two the young pledges, Shirley (Rose Thompson) and Betty (Barbara Nelson) discover Alice's body. However, Eve rejects the suicide theory, and while she and Mary are alone, she relates the crime as she believes it was commited. Mary is about to murder Eve when the girls enter the scene, and Mary is turned over to the fate that she deserves.

Other members of the senior class who helped make this year's play such a huge success were Betty Nowlen, Student Director; Nancy Slezak, Head Prompter; Marilyn Miller and Arline Swanson, Properties; Don Rich, Stage Manager; and James Doty, Sound Effects.

Operetta

The Pirates of Penzance

Friday evening, March 22, the students of Sycamore High School presented the Gilbert and Sullivan operetta, "The Pirates of Penzance." The operetta was directed by Miss Allene Russell, with Jean Fellinger and Elise Singer as student directors, and it was accompanied by Doris Slezak and Jane Hayes.

The first act opens on a rocky seashore on the coast of Cornwall. Samuel (Ted Jackson), the pirate Lieutenant, and a group of pirates are engaged in a boistrous drinking song. When the song ends, the Pirate King (Keith Sellers) congratulates Frederic (Vincent Ahnquist) for today he ranks as a full-grown pirate. Frederic replies that he has done his duty only because he was apprenticed to the band due to a mistake made by Ruth, his nursery-maid, (Shirley McGetrick). She was supposed to bind him apprentice to a pilot, but due to bad hearing, bound him to a pirate.

It Is Indeed a Glorious Thing to be a Major-General

Frederic pardons her but since his apprenticeship is over, he feels he must devote himself to their extermination. He tries to persuade the King to return to civilization with him, but the King says he will live and die a Pirate King.

Samuel, the pirates, and the King leave the stage, but Ruth and Frederic remain. Ruth tries to talk him into allowing her to stay with him, and after an argument he agrees to do so. At this moment a bevy of beautiful maidens appear, and Frederic turns upon Ruth, who finally leaves in despair. Due to his unsuitable costume, Frederic hides as the girls, who are all daughters of Major-General Stanley (Elliott Doane), approach.

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Kate (Jeannie MacLean), Edith (Norma Swanson), Isabel (Ida Arison), and the other girls are entranced with the beauty of the seaside spot, and they decide to take off their shoes and wade in the water. However, they are interrupted by Frederic who tells them he is a pirate. At this, the girls immediately reject him, and they will not listen to him as he sings, "Oh, Is There Not One Maiden Breast." At the end of this song, Mabel (Doris Hillquist), the youngest daughter of Major-General Stanley, appears; and she and Frederic fall in love.

At this point the pirates, with matrimonial plans in mind, enter and seize the girls. The Major- General appears, and he demands to know what is going on. A humorous tangle of words develops between the King and the Major-General. In the finale of the first act, the Major-General gains permission from the pirates to depart with his daughters. This is done by telling the pirates he is an orphan, and thus working upon their credulous simplicity.

The setting of act two is at night in a ruined chapel on the estate of the Major-General. He is surrounded by his daughters, and presently Mabel and Frederic join them. The General learns that Frederic will lead an expedition against the pirates that night, and he asks if Frederic's followers are prepared. Frederic replies that they are. The policemen enter, led by the Sergeant (Bruce Hudson) and burst forth in a gallant marching song.

Undaunted Men in Blue

Operetta

Ah, Leave Me Not

You May Go, For You're at Liberty

False One to Deceive Me

After Mabel and the chorus leave, and Ruth and the Pirate King enter. They inform Frederic that he is still bound to them, due to the fact that he was born in leap year on Feb. 29 and he is thus only five and a quarter years old, counting by birthdays. Frederic again becomes one of the band, and the King, upon learning of the Major-General's deception, decides to attack the General's castle that very night. Frederic pleads with them, but they take their leave.

Mabel enters, and Frederic explains the situation to her. He then bids her farewell, after promising to return for her in 1960. She calls in the police and orders them to capture the pirates, alone.

The pirates are heard approaching, and the police conceal themselves. The daughters enter, curious to know why the Major-General, who knows something is about to happen, has not yet gone to bed. The pirates declare themselves, only to be interrupted by the police, who bid them yield in Queen Victoria's name. This they do, and the police are about to take them away when Ruth reveals that they are all noblemen who have gone wrong. Then everyone is forgiven, and the ex-pirates win the girls.

Accompanists

Assistant Directors

National Honor Society

1st Row: Norma Swanson, Elise Singer, Jane Hayes, Ida Arison, Betty Eklund, Doris Hillquist
2nd Row: Nancy Slezak, William Westerbeck, Melvin Johnson, Theodore Anderson, Elliott Doane, Marvin Roush, Marilyn Miller

The National Honor Society is an organization in which only students who have attained certain qualifications can become members. They are chosen by the faculty according to the following standards: Scholarship, Leadership, Character, and Service.

The first induction ceremony of the year was held on Nov. 30, 1945, before the school assembly. The old members and the seniors ably inducted the following seniors: Melvin Johnson, Theodore Anderson, and Norma Swanson.

The induction ceremony for the second semester was held on the evening of March 4, 1946, before the Parent-Teachers' Association. Those who became members during the impressive candlelight service were as follows: Betty Eklund, Marilyn Miller, and Nancy Slezak, seniors; and Ida Arison, Elliott Doane, Jane Hayes, and Elise Singer, juniors. A tea was served afterward by the P. T. A.

The National Honor Sociey has three main projects this year. The members worked on the revision of the school handbook called the "Navigator." This book is to be given out to all freshmen upon their entering school, to help them with all information concerning school rules, courses, and activities. This society also helped with library work and received the paid fines for overdue books for their treasury. The main service of this organization was to give awards to one outstanding student from the freshman class and to one from the sophomore class. The same standards were to be met by these honored students as were met by the members of the National Honor Society. The winners were given due recognition on Class Day.

The officers of this society for this year were as follows: William Westerbeck, President; Marvin Roush, Vice-President; Doris Hillquist, Secretary; and Norma Swanson, Treasurer.

Athletics

Football

1st Row: Arthur Gilmore, LaVern London, Howard Scott, William Westerbeck, Duane Ells, James Potter, Herbert Renwick, Clifford Ells.

2nd Row: Richard Hale, Melvin Johnson, Rex Morrison, Don Gustafson, Donald Hale, Kenneth Rudy, Jerald Applegate, James Patterson, Mr. Strombom.

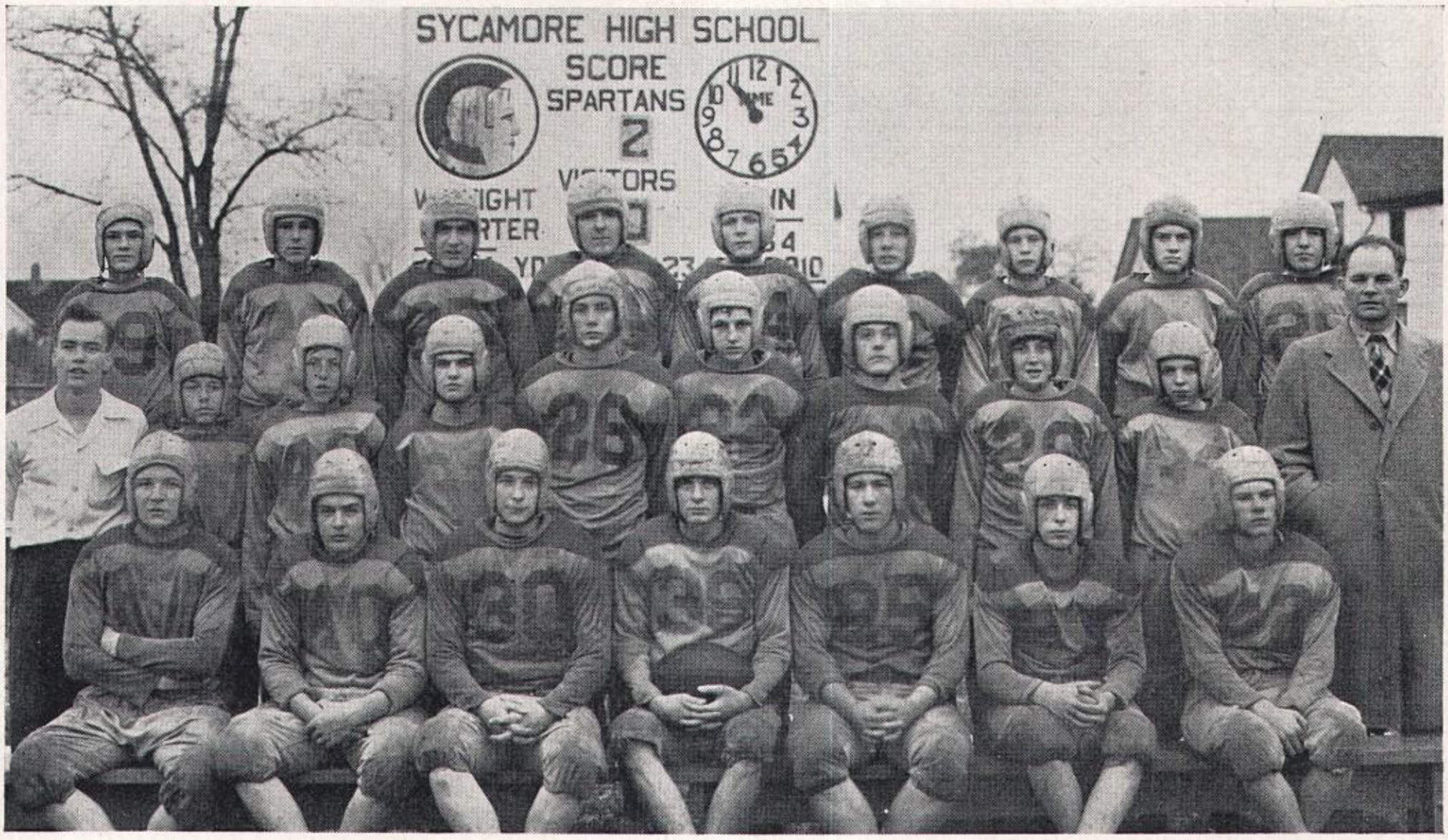
3rd Row: Donald Kallembach, Edwin Harding, Richard Amundsen, Fred Larson, Robert Hennis, Merle Swedberg.

Heavyweights

Coach Strombom's Spartans began their 1945 football season one week before school began, on August 27, 1945, during which football equipment was issued. A total of twenty-one boys reported for the first practice session, only five of which were from last year's heavyweight squad. The first week of practice dealt mainly with fundamentals and with the picking of each boy for the position in which he would be best suited.

The Spartans opened the season with the annual game with DeKalb, Sycamore's traditional rival. The game was held at DeKalb on the night of September 14. DeKalb, as in past years, held a decisive advantage in weight and substitutions. The Spartans, captained by Duane Ells, gave the Barbs a hard battle throughout the game. The Barbs' defense prevented the Spartans from ever seriously threatening and DeKalb led at the half, 14-0, and at the game's end by a score of 20-0. As in the past years, there was no lightweight game.

On September 22 the Spartans journeyed by bus to Batavia for their first conference game. A muddy field, caused by the rain throughout the game, caused both teams to fumble a great deal, with Batavia crashing in on two Spartan fumbles in the first half for touchdowns and on two intercepted passes in the second period to win by a score of 25-6. Don Hale scored for the Spartans in the third quarter on an end around play. The Spartans fought hard throughout the game but were unable to overcome the hardship of the muddy field.



1st Row: Sam Kocher, Gordon Jones, Charles Wynn, Robert Reuss, Gerald Fraunberg, Emmett McLean, Gene Haugen.
2nd Row: Arthur Knuckles, LaVern Dinges, Orville Kingsnorth, Dorlan Ells, Richard Troeger, Donald Tyrrell, Roger Michael, Jack Haeberle, Herbert Leonard, Mr. Schrader.
3rd Row: Jerry Smith, Nelson Hanks, Leonard Kallembach, Theodore Campbell, George McMillan, Ralph McCall, Richard Shields, Arthur Palm, Glen Robinson.

Lightweights

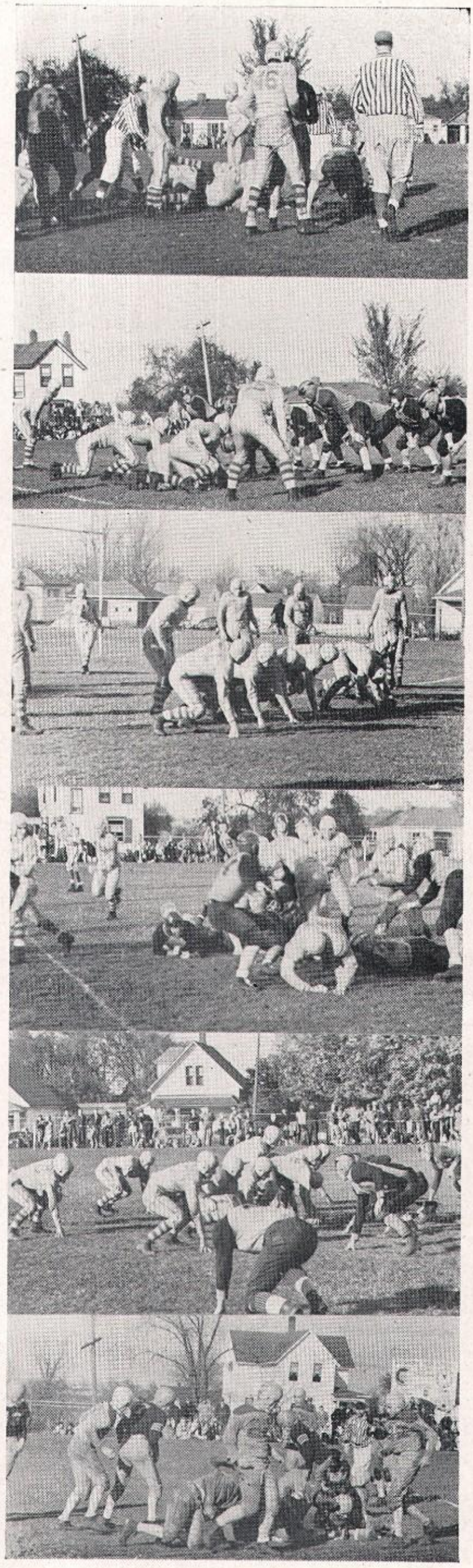
Coach Schrader's lightweights, captained by Sam Kocher, suffered their first conference loss at the hands of Batavia by a score of 21-0. The highlight of the afternoon was Gerald Fraunberg's long touchdown run early in the game, which was nullified because of a backfield in motion penalty.

The Spartans came back strongly a week later, on Sept. 29, against a strong Dundee team. Dundee's speedy Ed Unruh took the opening kickoff and ran it back for a touchdown. The Spartans came back again, but lost the ball at midfield on a fumble. Dundee then proceeded downfield for the second touchdown of the game. Don Hale took a pass on the 30 yard line the second quarter for the Spartan's only touchdown of the game. Westerbeck made the extra point which made the half-time score, Dundee 14, Sycamore 7. The Cardinals tallied another touchdown and extra point in the third quarter to win by a score of 21-7.

Coach Schrader's Ponies were upset by a strong Dundee Lightweight team to the tune of 26-0. The Dundee team outweighed the Ponies and tallied three touchdowns without much difficulty during the first half.

On October 6, the Spartans traveled to Geneva for their third conference game. Geneva managed to squeeze out a 13-0 victory over Coach Strombom's scrapper Spartans after a hard-fought and close game. The Spartans received two very tough breaks, when two touchdown passes were dropped, one in the end zone and the other on the goal line.

The Geneva lights handed Coach Schrader's Ponies their third conference loss in a closely contested game by a score of 14-0. Both teams were scoreless up to the last five minutes of the game when Geneva scored two touchdowns on passes.



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On October 13 the Spartans tangled with St. Charles on the home field. St. Charles dominated the game almost entirely after Don Gustafson and "Stub" London went out of the game because of injuries. The Saints scored two touchdowns on passes and then the Spartans scored on an end around play by Don Hale to make the halftime score St. Charles 14, Sycamore 6. The Saints came back strongly in the second period to score three touchdowns and an extra point to win the game by a score of 31-6.

Coach Schrader's Ponies displayed their scoring power in a very closely contested battle with the Saint lightweights. The game was a see-saw affair with both teams scoring freely. The Sycohi lights led up until the last two minutes of play by a score of 21-18, when a Saint pass was completed for a touchdown to win the game 24-21.

On October 20 the Spartans met the Naperville Redskins at the Naperville home field. The Redskins went on a scoring spree, running up a score of 54-0. The Spartans never gave up trying, as was well displayed by Chester Wig and his hard tackling and fighting spirit throughout the game. The Spartans were also hampered by the loss of four first-string men—Ken Rudy, injured at Batavia; Don Gustafson and LaVern London, both hurt in the St. Charles game; and co-captain Duane Ells who was injured in the first quarter of the Naperville game.

Sycamore's lightweights suffered a conference loss at Naperville by a score of 28-13. The Redskin lights took full advantage of their superior weight, scoring on long drives downfield. Fraunberg contributed one of the Spartan touchdowns on a long end run, and Troeger scored the other on a trick pass.

The Spartans met West Chicago on their field on October 27. The boys thoroughly outplayed the Wegoes in the first half,

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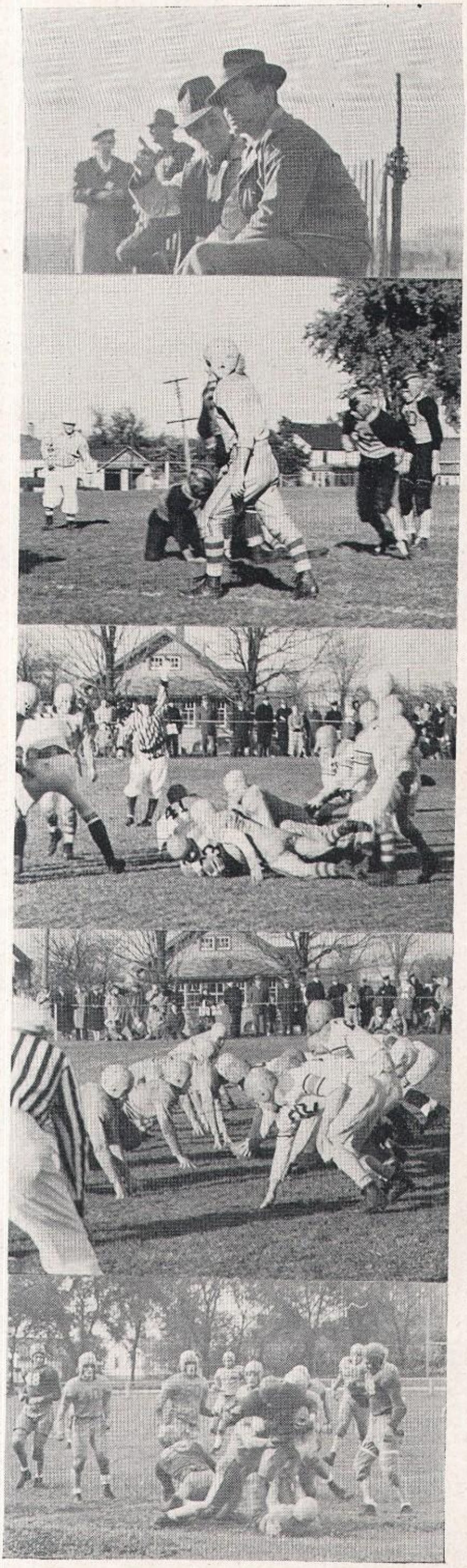
but fumbles and mistackles in the second half gave West Chicage a 21-0 win over the Spartans.

The Ponies were defeated in a close game with the Wego lightweights by a score of 13-6. The game was very close with both teams in scoring territory a number of times.

The Spartan's final conference opponent was Wheaton, who turned out to be the Little Seven Conference Champions of 1945 by defeating Naperville 13-6. The game between Sycamore and Wheaton was held at Sycamore on November 3. The Spartans held Wheaton scoreless until the final minutes of the first half when Wheaton completed a trick pass for a touchdown. Wheatons weight advantage began to tell in the second half, as they moved downfield to score another touchdown in the third quarter. The Spartans fought back hard and held the Tigers scoreless in the last quarter until the last few minutes when a Spartan kick was blocked on the five yard line. Wheaton drove over for a touhcdown to win by a score of 19-0. The Spartans displayed a great deal of spirit and fight throughout the game.

The Ponies came through with their first conference win by beating Wheaton by a score of 13-6, in a very close and exciting game. Fraunberg scored both Pony touchdowns—the first on a line plunge and the second on an end run.

The Spartans never stopped fighting although they were out-weighed in every game they played. They should be congratulated for the fight they displayed even though they were a losing team. Howard Scott was given a first-string guard position on the Little Seven Conference Team, with Don Hale on the second team as an end, and Duane Ells received honorable mention in the backfield. Co-captains this year were Duane Ells and Bill Westerbeck.



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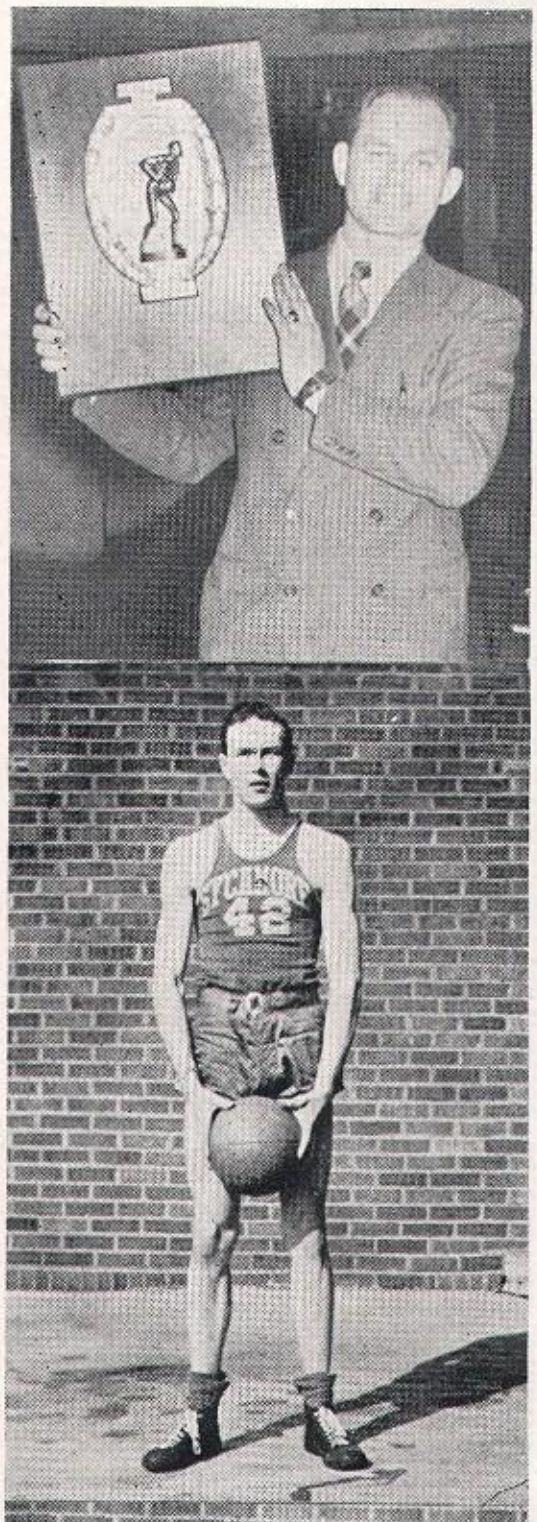


Tournament Ten

The team enjoyed a successful year, winning 18 of 26 games. Three of the defeats were by Dundee who eventually finished number three in the State Tournament. Eight of the first ten players will be lost through graduation, and it will be a hard job to replace such players as Anderson, Westerbeck, Lindstrom, Ells, and Johnson. Best of luck to the team next year.

MR. SCHRADER

DON GUSTAFSON

—one of the two juniors on the tournament squad. Don is a good shot from the floor and should develop into a fine player next year. He played as a regular guard a good portion of the year and contributed his share to a successful season.

TED ANDERSON

—made a fine record as a high school player. He played the last part of his sophomore year on the varsity team, and as a junior he played regular forward on the varsity. This last season he was the second highest point maker in the Little Seven Conference, and he set a new conference free throw record, having made a total of 79. He was elected captain of the team of 1945-46.

WESLEY JOHNSON

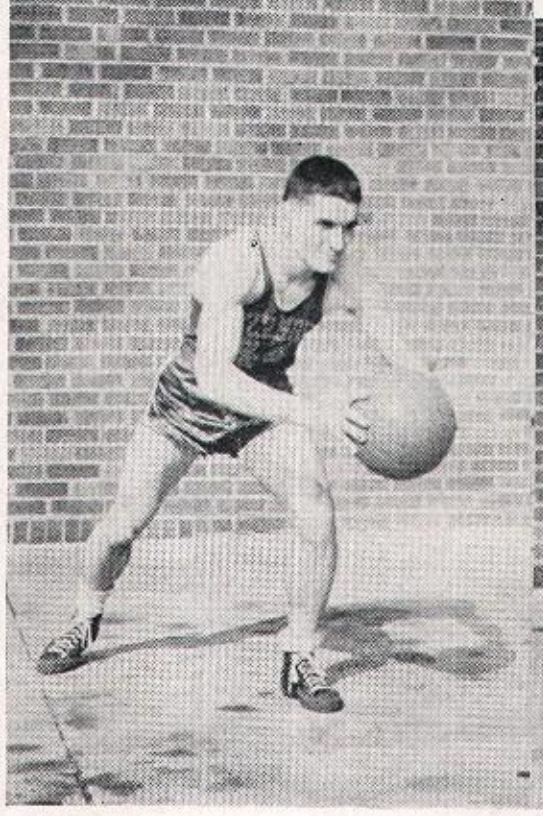
—returned from Uncle Sam's team to help us complete the season with a good strong finish. Although not in the best playing condition, his cool-headed leadership helped to steady the team, and he ably contributed to the winning of the Regional title.

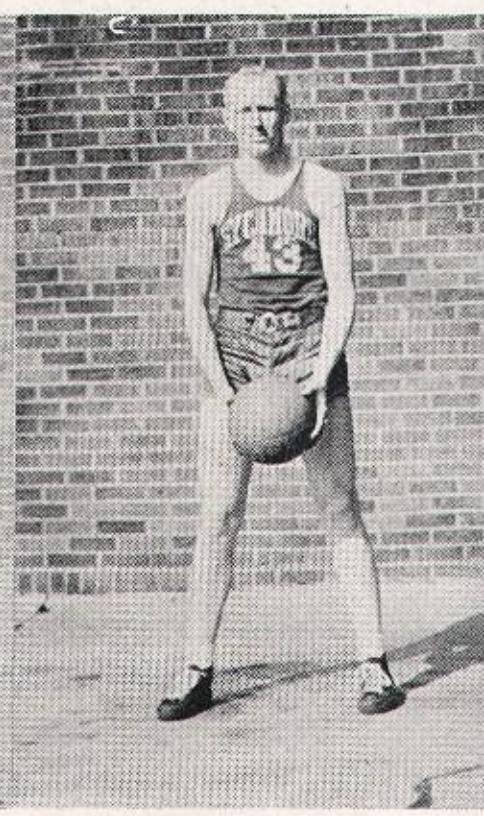
DUANE ELLS

—a flashy little player—very good on defense and a good floor man on offense. He played his best ball of the season during the Regional Tournaments. Very good to follow training rules and a fine all around boy.

FRED LARSON

—lack of experience is all that prevented Fred from being a star center. He is a very good shot around the basket as well as being a rugged defensive player. His performance against Somonauk was the highlight of his career.





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BOB LINDSTROM

—played a guard and performed very well. He played as a regular during most of his senior year, but was handicapped somewhat by illness and injuries. His best game was played against Dundee at Dundee.

LAVERN LONDON

—the second of the two juniors, played a reserve guard and performed in a creditable manner. He should be one of the stars of next year's team.

CLARK RICH

—played a fine game of basketball, and lack of previous experience is all that prevented him from becoming a regular on the team. He was used primarily as a reserve player and always came through when called upon to perform.

JIM PATTERSON

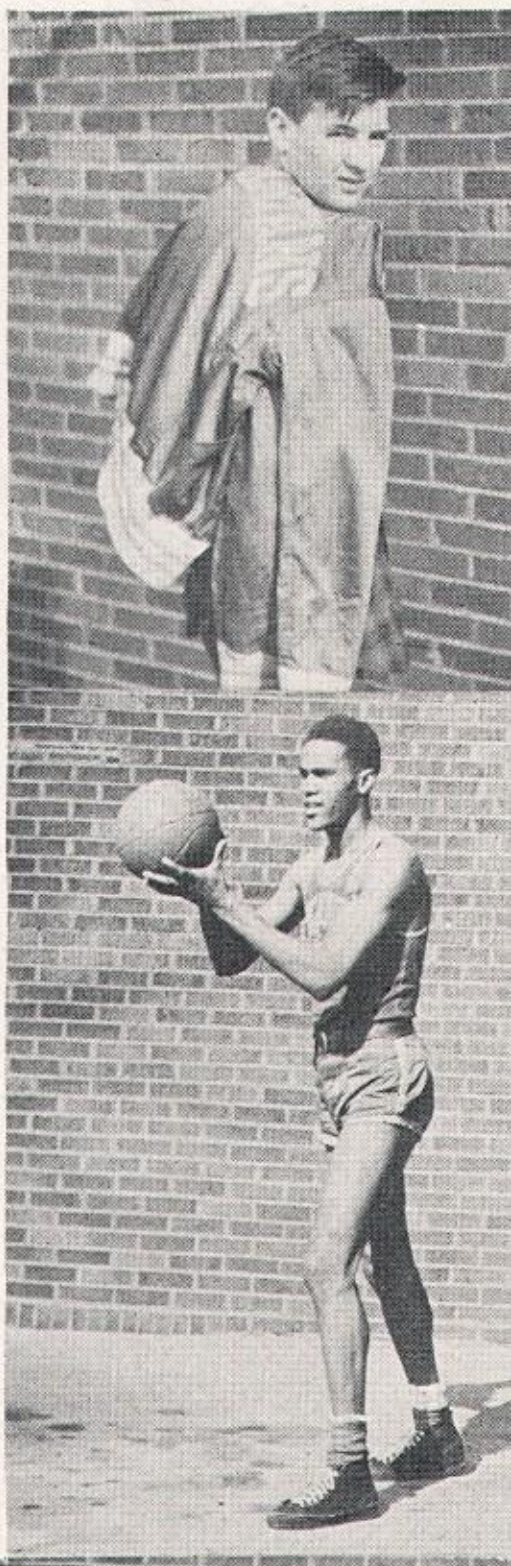
—a fine manager. Always thoughtful and competent, Jim took very good care of the team as well as the equipment during the past season.

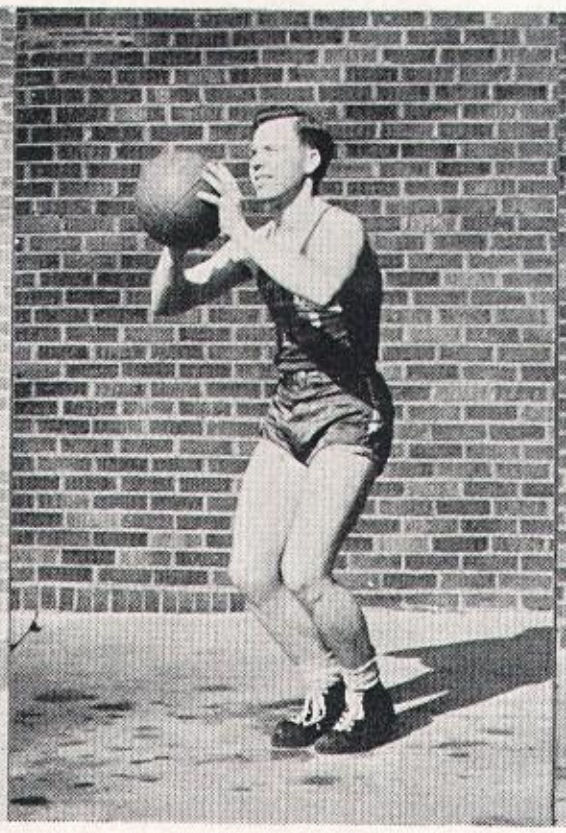
DONALD HALE

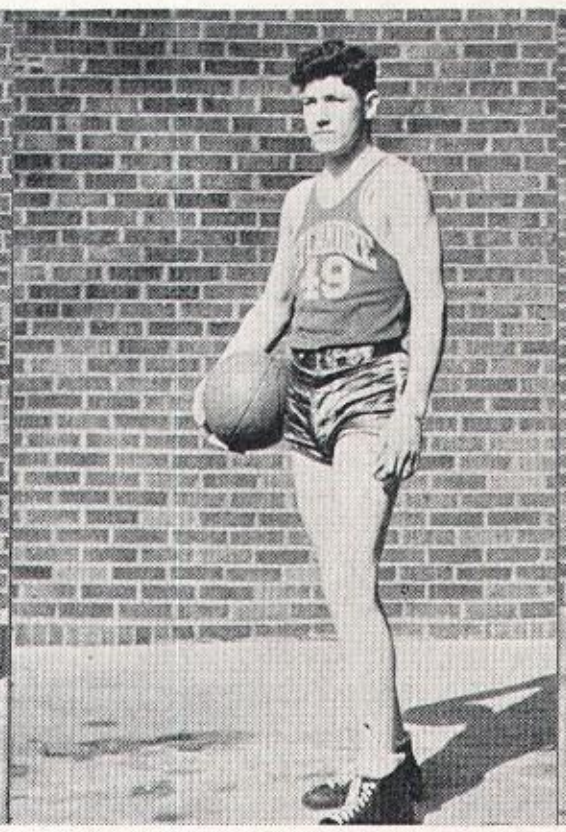
—was a good lightweight player and proved to be a good standby on the varsity. His best performances were against Dundee as a junior when he scored 19 points, and this last season against Hampshire when he scored 23 points to help win the Regional Championship.

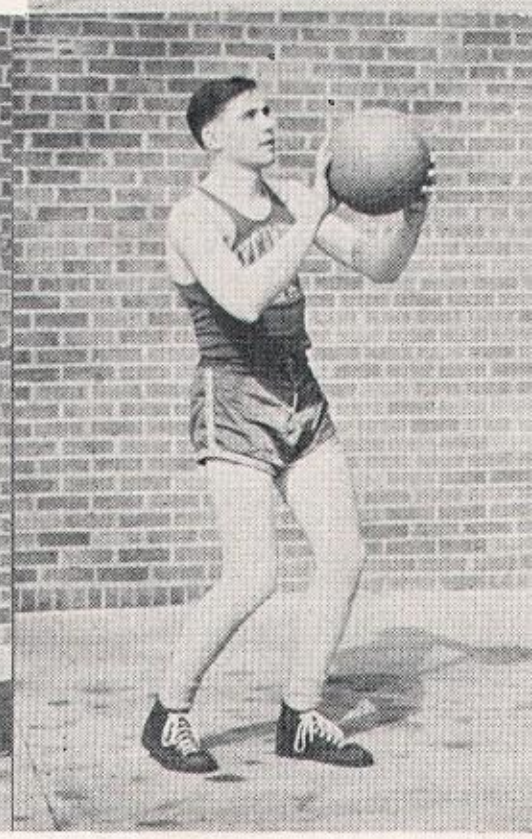
BILL WESTERBECK

—played as a regular during his junior and senior years. He was an outstanding defensive player, and was usually assigned to guard the high scorer of the opposing team. His spectacular shooting during the final game of the Regional Tournament turned the tide of victory in Sycamore's favor.









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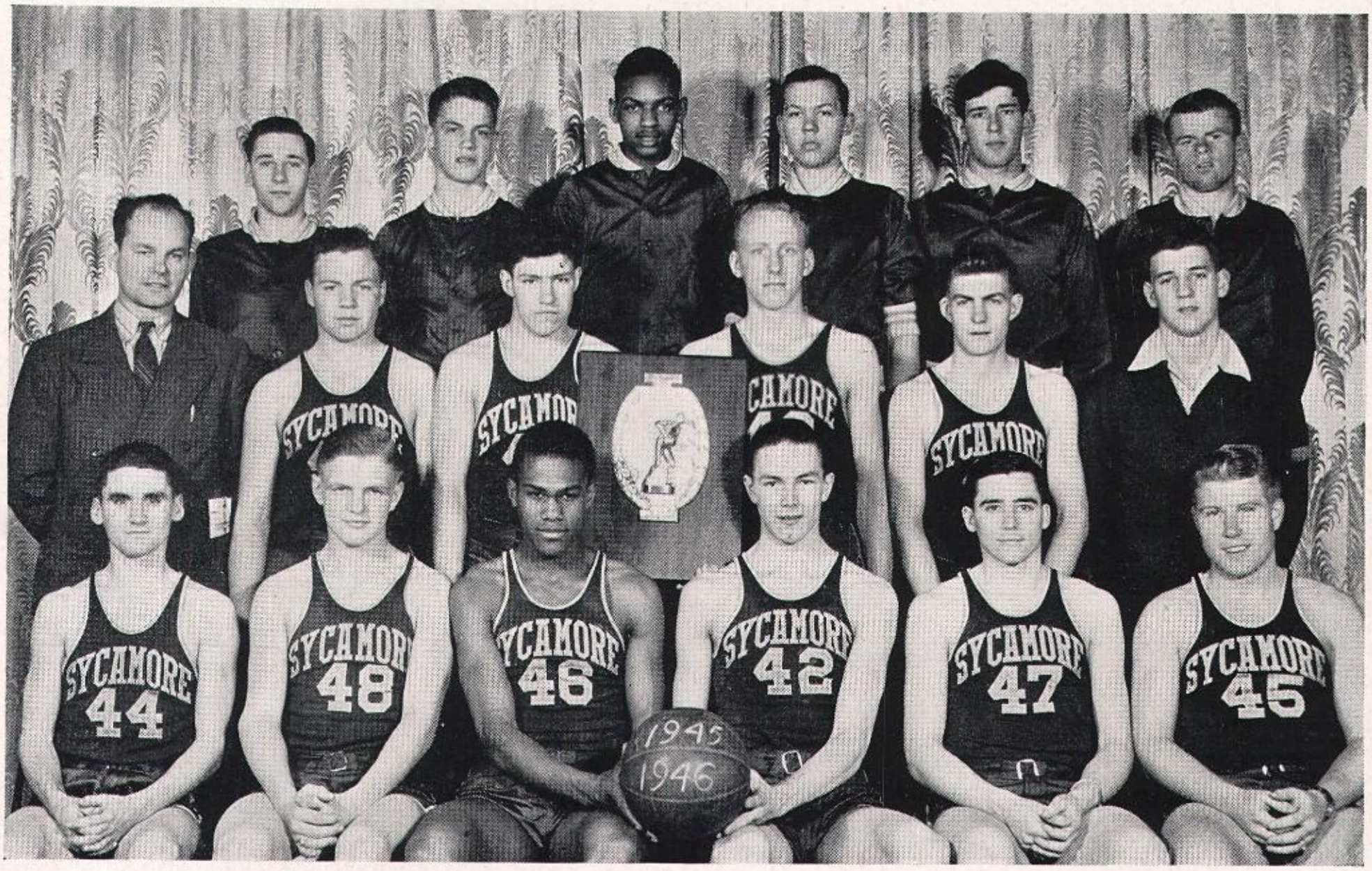

Heavyweights

1st Row: Duane Ells, Robert Lindstrom, Donald Hale, Theodore Anderson, William Westerbeck, Wesley Johnson.
2nd Row: Mr. Schrader, LaVern London, Clark Rich, Fred Larson, Don Gustafson, James Patterson.
3rd Row: James Potter, Donald Tedford, Theodore Jackson, Richard Smith, John Rich, Edwin Harding.

Sycohi's 1945-46 heavyweight basketball season began on Nov. 7 with the Spartan's first practice session. From the twenty-one boys who reported for this practice, fifteen were chosen by Coach Schrader for this year's squad. They were Don Hale, Ted Anderson, Bill Westerbeck, Duane Ells, Bob Lindstrom, Fred Larson, Dick Smith, Jim Potter, Clark Rich, John Rich, Rex Morrison, Don Tedford, Ted Jackson, Don Gustafson, and LaVern London. Hale, Anderson, Ells, and Westerback returned from the first team of the previous year; and Larson, Lindstrom, and John Rich made up the remainder of the boys back from last year's squad. The rest of the boys came up from the lightweights.

The Spartans began their 20-game schedule on November 21, by thoroughly trouncing Maple Park, 52-28; Coach Schrader's starting line-up for this game, and the following seventeen, was as follows: forwards, Hale and Westerbeck; guards, Ells and Lindstrom; and at center, captain Ted Anderson.

Sycamore entered the Holiday Tournaments at the Northern Illinois State Teachers College in DeKalb on Dec. 26, 1945. The Spartans defeated a favored Rock Island team by a score of 40-30. The following night West Aurora out-rebounded the Spartans, and emerged with a 50-37 victory thus eliminating Sycamore from the tournament.

Wesley Johnson, who left Sycohi in his junior year to enlist in the U. S. Navy, received his honorable discharge in February, 1946, and returned to Sycohi to take up his basketball career where he left it two years ago. Wes proved to be a very valuable asset to the team because of his excellent floormanship, good judgment, and ability to come through with points whenever they were needed.

This year the Spartans rated fourth in the Little Seven Conference with nine wins and five losses. Ted Anderson took second place in conference individual scoring with 415 points in 22 games, and he took first place in completed free-throws having 79 to his credit.

The Regional Tournament, held this year at Sycamore, began on Feb. 26, 1946, with Sycamore defeating Waterman, 27-28. In the second game that evening Hampshire was victorious over Shabbona, 51-20. The next night the winners were DeKalb over Genoa and Marengo over Burlington. Sycamore took Hampshire on Thursday night by a score of 54-42 with Hale tallying 23 points. Marengo dumped a favored DeKalb team the same night, 27-21. The Spartans beat Marengo in the championship game on Friday night for the Regional Championship. The final game was a basket-for-basket affair during the first quarter, but from there on, it was all Sycohi. The Spartans pulled steadily away under the sharp eye of captain Ted Anderson, who rang up 24 points, most of which he collected in the last half. The final score was Sycamore 44, Marengo 26.

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The Spartans played Dundee, 1945-46 Little Seven Champs, at Proviso of Maywood in the second game of the sectional tournament on the evening of March 8. A red-hot Dundee team defeated the Spartans by a score of 50-34. Anderson was high point man for the Spartans with 15 points and Grover of Dundee tallied the same number.

The boys who will be back next year from the heavyweight squad are Don Gustafson, Ted Jackson, Dick Smith, Jim Potter, Lavern London, and Rex Morrisson. These boys will be helped considerably by some very up-and-coming lightweights such as Richard Troeger, Art Gilmore, and Gerald Fraunberg.

VARSITY GAMES OF 1945-46

DATE	S. C.-H. S.	SCORE	OPPONENT	SCORE
Nov. 21	Sycamore	52	Maple Park	28
Nov. 30	Sycamore	38	Wheaton	44
Dec. 1	Sycamore	40	Oregon	25
Dec. 7	Sycamore	35	Geneva	25
Dec. 8	Sycamore	24	Somonauk	22
Dec. 14	Sycamore	33	Dundee	42
Dec. 21	Sycamore	50	West Chicago	17
Dec. 26	Sycamore	40	Rock Island	30
Dec. 27	Sycamore	37	West Aurora	50
Jan. 4	Sycamore	42	Batavia	37
Jan. 11	Sycamore	48	St. Charles	36
Jan. 12	Sycamore	63	Naperville	39
Jan. 15	Sycamore	25	DeKalb	30
Jan. 18	Sycamore	17	Wheaton	40
Jan. 25	Sycamore	25	Geneva	27
Feb. 1	Sycamore	51	Dundee	55
Feb. 2	Sycamore	60	West Chicago	32
Feb. 8	Sycamore	41	Batavia	46
Feb. 12	Sycamore	42	DeKalb	38
Feb. 15	Sycamore	59	St. Charles	37
Feb. 22	Sycamore	51	Naperville	27
Feb. 23	Sycamore	50	Shabbona	19
Feb. 26	Sycamore	27	Waterman	26
Feb. 28	Sycamore	54	Hampshire	42
Mar. 1	Sycamore	44	Marengo	26
Mar. 8	Sycamore	34	Dundee	50

Won 18 **Lost 8**

Basketball

Lightweights

1st Row: Emmett McLean, Arthur Gilmore, Richard Troeger, Roland Smith, Gerald Fraunberg, Sam Kocher.
2nd Row: Mr. Strombom, Orville Kingsnorth, Gene Haugen, Roger Michael, Nelson Hanks, Charles Wynn, Robert Reuss, Howard Higgins, Roger Brooke, Dick Shields.

Coach Leland Strombom's "Ponies" began their 1945-46 basketball season on November 7, 1945. Coach had a large number of boys reporting for practice that day, thus making it necessary to cut the squad down to three teams, or fifteen boys. The fifteen boys chosen were Gerald Fraunberg, Sam Kocher, Dick Shields, Richard Troeger, Bob Reuss, Robert Brooke, Art Gilmore, Art Nuckles, Joe Lee, Emmett McLean, Charles Wynn, "Mose" Kingsnorth, Bob Smith, Gene Haugen, and "Swede" Higgins. From these fifteen boys Coach Strombom's starting five in the first game of the year were Fraunberg, Troeger, Gilmore, McLean, and Smith.

Richard Troeger was elected captain for the lightweights. Troeger was high point man for the lightweights this year with 169 points in 20 games. He played forward the first part of the year and center the latter part. Gerald Fraunberg followed closely behind Troeger in scoring with 153 points in 18 games. Fraunberg played forward all year and proved to be a very valuable player. The lightweights lost the services of Art Gilmore on January 18 when Art turned 17 years of age, making him ineligible to play lightweight basketball.

Two outstanding highlights of the lightweight season were made possible by the smallest and most cool-headed player on the squad, Orville Kingsnorth. In the game at Geneva on December 7, 1945, the score was tied at 21-all when "Mose" received a pass down the floor, dribbled in, and made the basket just as the buzzer sounded for the end of the game. Sycohi won 23-21. The second highlight took place in the first game with our neighboring rival, DeKalb, on January 15. With about a minute and a half to go, the Sycohi ponies were trailing by two points, 22-20. "Mose" dribbled down the floor and sank a long shot to tie the game at 22-all. He came right back a few seconds later and sank another long shot to put Sycamore ahead, and then just before the game ended, he put through another long shot for good measure. This made the final outcome Sycamore 26, DeKalb 22.

The lightweights had a very good season this year, winning 17 games and losing 3, two of which were to the undefeated Little Seven Lightweight Champs, Dundee. The Sycohi ponies finished up in second place in the Little Seven Conference.

From the pony first team, three boys will be playing heavyweight ball next year. They are Richard Troeger, Gerald Fraunberg, and Emmett McLean.

Basketball

Date	Team	Score	Team	Score
November 21	Sycamore	36	Maple Park	10
November 30	Sycamore	18	Wheaton	10
December 1	Sycamore	36	Oregon	6
December 7	Sycamore	23	Geneva	21
December 8	Sycamore	24	Somonauk	22
December 14	Sycamore	21	Dundee	40
December 21	Sycamore	26	West Chicago	24
January 4	Sycamore	38	Batavia	20
January 11	Sycamore	29	St. Charles	16
January 12	Sycamore	34	Naperville	20
January 15	Sycamore	26	DeKalb	22
January 18	Sycamore	28	Wheaton	20
January 25	Sycamore	25	Geneva	15
February 1	Sycamore	25	Dundee	59
February 2	Sycamore	25	West Chicago	19
February 8	Sycamore	24	Batavia	22
February 12	Sycamore	25	DeKalb	19
February 15	Sycamore	31	St. Charles	24
February 22	Sycamore	31	Naperville	40
February 23	Sycamore	38	Shabbona	20

Won—17 Lost—3

Cheerleaders

Barbara Jahns, Audrey McCullah, Bruce Hudson, Georgianne Bauer, Norma Swanson

Majorettes

Top Picture

Baton Twirlers

Kneeling—Marilyn Griffith, Doris Griffith, Marilyn Wood

Standing—Mary Taylor, Melody Holt, Marylou Horne, Judy Wade, Doris Daniels

Bottom Picture

Flag Twirlers

Jeanne Smith, Mary Lou Mathey, Mary Ann Gray, Grace Florent, Jeanne Fellinger, Barbara Nelson

Sycohi Muscle Builder

Stub and Joy

Boys, Here's Your Chance!

Pals

Future Pros

Faculty Smiles

Love?

Blonds

Street Scene

Barb and Janet

Pepsodent Kid

Camera Kids

Where's Allan?

Calendar

Sept. 4

School opens! We came back to school in an atom-i peace, only to have Mr. Shrout release some atomic po his own . . . . school would start at 8:05 this year.

Sept. 7

After three days of hustle and bustle, we settled down finer enjoyments of life—the Get Acquainted Dance. senior couples found out that certain frosh liked to cut in you, Norm and Don?

Sept. 11

Coach Strombom took his gridders to Rochelle for a scri and they all came back with a wealth of experience, es "Jake." Now Jake, tell the truth. Were you bewitched b Rochelle co-ed, or did you actually forget to center the

Sept. 18

Jerry, "The Tank," Applegate, tried to impress upon Hauswald the inefficiency of the mechanical air com when he nearly blew up one of the Prof's demonstratio always wondered who the little man was who blew the of the hose at Brilliant Bronze, but now we know.

Sept. 20

In true Sycohi tradition, 150 of us gathered on this rain for our annual snake dance. Our feet dampened by the er, but our spirits untouched, we marched up State Street to the disgust of motorists) to the business district. Singi shouting wildly, we paraded in and out of stores and came to rest on the courthouse lawn. There, we were cheers by our cheerleaders until at last the dance wa taken up. This time it wriggled to the theater where th were opened to us by the manager, Mr. McFarland.

Sept. 21

DeKalb's Barbs, not the least impressed by our snake dan our boys to a tune of 21-0.

Sept. 30

Today we received our annual lesson on "How to Get Yo in the Door So It Stays," given by Mr. Rose of Curtis F tions.

Oct. 5

Initiation! The day started off slowly at first, with just frosh showing their gams to the public, but gradually began to hum. By noon, frosh were carrying books, co links in chains, or just about anything the seniors coul of. And then the workout came—the Kangaroo Kourt wa to order in the gym. With Ted Anderson swiftly pros the cases, and executioners Rudy and Shott fairly meti justice, the cases against the frosh were quickly run off.

Yes, the day was exciting, and there were a lot of happening, but we will never forget a special few. Waldo's "hula" and Burton Lee's proposal to Miss H will live with us forever.

Oct. 8

We were all saddened by the announcement of our janit ness. Mr. Meier suffered a stroke and will be forced to off of the job for the rest of the year.

Oct. 10

Mr. Shrout spent a few hectic days trying to locate all radios our baseball fans brought with which to listen World Series. It is rumored that at a crucial moment, him exceptionally long to discover one in the gym. Hm could it be that he is a Cub fan?

Indian summer was here in all its glory this year, and th hall presented a bevy of day-dreamers. Many of our more ous students couldn't resist the balmy breezes and didn until spring to fall in love. Does this include DeKalb, Bo

Oct. 18

Smiles were few in the halls today, for the six-weeks grade out. Most encouraging remark heard was, "Hausie **always** low the first few weeks."

Oct. 19

Yep, kiddies, teachers have to go to school, too; so we got day today. Teacher's Institute at Dixon was the reaso we took advantage of it. Most seniors spent the day show their new class rings, but some just took it out of the b slipped it on the little gal's finger. Right, Ted?

Calendar

Oct. 27
The Leaves sponsored a Halloween Dance and a merry time was had by all.

Oct. 30
Senior pictures came back today, and the consensus of opinion was that we were not a bad looking bunch. We roamed the halls trying to find out whose face sagged and whose didn't, yet all we heard was, "It doesn't look a bit like me!" But we had to wait until chemistry class where we heard the most truthful remark of the day. Quoth Hausie, "You can't fool nature, chum."

A group of traveling actors and actresses presented a play on Christopher Columbus in the gym. For a slight fee, you could see a play, hear some music, and—ah yes—get out of class.

Nov. 2
We of the senior class journeyed to Doris Hillquist's country home where we enjoyed a weiner roast. There was an abundance of food, thanks to our senior grocers, and we were all thoroughly stuffed. Afterwards we sat around the fire singing hymns, led by "Jake", believe it or not, until the hay-rack came. Then we left to ride merrily around the countryside.

Nov. 8
Attention, future scientists! Today Dr. Brown from the Chicago Institute of Technology gave us an enlightening look into the magic crystal with his talk on "Science Looks to the Future."

Nov. 14
The seniors took the day off and we went into the Windy City. We saw "Dear Ruth" in the afternoon, and at night took a trip through Tribune Tower and saw a broadcast. Many little happenings occurred, but none so exciting as Shirley McGetrick's experience. Going to a radio broadcast in the morning, she was called to the stage for a contest. Much to her surprise, she won and was taken to dinner at the Pump Room of the Ambassador East Hotel.

Nov. 15
In observance of National Education Week, several Sycohi students presented a fine program in the gym this afternoon. Our thanks to Miss Jordan and Miss Keeler, promoters of the plan.

Nov. 21
Coach Schrader unveiled his 1946 quintet, much to the fans' liking, as the Spartans defeated Maple Park in their first game.

Nov. 22-23
All of S. H. S. stayed home to partake of turkey and trimmings and to rest up the following day.

Nov. 30
In an impressive ceremony this afternoon, three seniors were inducted into the Sycamore Chapter of the National Honor Society. Those honored were Ted Anderson, Melvin Johnson, and Norma Swanson.

Dec. 4
We staged our Senior Class Play tonight. It seems as if the senior boys were all bashful, so we selected a play called "Nine Girls." Under the able direction of Miss Reuber, the girls worked hard and long to put on a successful play.

Dec. 7
Our boys traveled over to Geneva tonight and without the services of Anderson, Hale, or Lindstrom, brought back the Swedes' scalps.

Dec. 8
Again without the services of these regulars, we journeyed to Somonauk and proceeded to skin the "Bobcats" 22-20.
Our fine music department gave a public Christmas concert tonight. This, together with the caroling in the halls, lent a joyous holiday atmosphere to S. H. S.

Dec. 21
School is out—for now! See you next year.

Dec. 27, 28, 29
Our boys entered the DeKalb Holiday Invitational Tournament and won the first game from a strong Rock Island quintet. We lost to West Aurora, of the Big Eight Conference, 50-30 in the second round.

Calendar

Jan. 7
The doors of Sycohi opened wide to us this morning, for o prieve was over. With the boys' new sweaters and shirts, ar girls' new jewelry, the halls of ye olde institution took new appearance.

Jan. 12
Naperville came to town tonight, and "Joker" Harshl learned that our boys just love to play basketball.

Jan. 15
The DeKalb-Sycamore rivalry flared anew tonight and the smoke cleared, a dazed Sycamore team was four poin loser. In the pony game, "Mose" Kingsnorth sank three h in the last minute and became Coach Strombom's "ba arms."

Jan. 16-17
Worse follows worse. Exams, and many sorrowful faces seen around the halls. We wonder how Mr. Shrout can the same straight face year after year at the entrance study hall. Most of our frosh lose all faith after he b with that left arm for them to begin the last mile.

Jan. 26
The Pep Club held a dance complete with refreshments. everyone smacked their lips over root beer and ritz cr The dance almost went over with a BANG! but Norma ch her mind.

Jan. 29
Sycohi students stood courageously in front of the man wi big needle and took their T. B. tests today.

Feb. 1
We all saw red today, both in the assembly and up at D The first event was Jake's ripping the seat of his pants senior homeroom. Jake's face turned a bright crimson unt Rich came to the rescue with his topcoat. Later that ev the Spartans were defeated by a "red-and-black" Dundee 54-51.

Feb. 8
At long last, we get a vacation. Teacher's Institute at I was the reason and all of us made good use of the day h paring for the G. A. A. dance. Members of the band and choruses performed in a mass band and chorus at the I

Feb. 9
In an Oriental atmosphere complete with illuminated C lanterns, the G. A. A. girls and their escorts danced to the of the Melody Masters. The girls' corsages smelled pretty eh Clem?

Feb. 11
A bit of scrambled eggs and a dash of navy blue herald return of our former history teacher, Lieutenant La Elliott. Having been discharged, he helped out for a fe in the absence of Miss Reubér and Mr. Shrout. It's g have you back, Mr. Elliott!

Feb. 12
We had a taste of sweet revenge tonight as our boys d DeKalb's Barbs in an overtime battle. The hero of the was Ted Anderson, who tied the score in the last two with a free throw, and then went on to contribute most winning points in the resulting overtime.

Feb. 14
All of the juniors cut classes today—to sweat it out in sembly on the Illinois tests.

Feb. 22
No school today in honor of Washington's birthday. Thi noon Miss Kathryn Reuber and Lt. Philip Whitford we ried in the Federated Church. Best of luck, Mr. and Mrs

Feb. 23
We finished our regular basketball season with an imp 50-19 rout of Shabbona.

Feb. 26, 27, 28, March 1
Whoopee!! Regional champs, that's us! Improving throughout the tournament, we mowed down Waterman, shire, and Marengo in that order, to win the Regional

March 2
Rochelle or bust! This was the slogan of the four carl Sycohi-ers that left for the District Music Contest in R today. Our sympathies with Keith Sellers, who was fo remain at home because of illness.

Calendar

March 7
Our boys put up a good fight tonight at Proviso of Maywood against Dundee's Cards, but lost 50-34. The Cards went on to win the Sectional and then to take third place at Champaign.

March 12
We all were very proud of Miss Russell and her section of the music department after their success at the Rochelle District Solo and Small Ensemble Contest. Sycamore took more first divisions than any other school entered, getting six in all. We also took two seconds, and a third. Today during homeroom, the participants repeated their numbers for our benefit.

March 15
The heavyweight basketball team was the guest of the school for three days of fun and excitement at the state tourney in Champaign. Tickets were at a premium, but they managed to see most of the games. We were glad to see Dundee, thrice our conquerors, crowned the third best team in the state.

March 18
The team was feted at the County Basketball Banquet at DeKalb tonight.

March 19
Prospective college students journeyed to DeKalb today to interview representatives of various colleges and universities.

March 22
A formidable array of pirates drew a gasp from a full house as the curtain went up tonight on Gilbert and Sullivan's "Pirates of Penzance." Fine talent plus good costumes and direction were combined to make this operetta the best ever!

April 5
With three of the four classes captained by the Ells brothers, the annual interclass track meet was held this afternoon. Don Hale thrilled everyone with his high-jump of 5 feet 10 inches!

April 6
Two of our large music groups, the Band and the A Cappella Choir, competed in the District Music Contest today. The choir came out on top with a first division, and the band returned second only to Fulton.

April 12
Mr. Terrell took his blooming biologists to Chicago today. Four students and Mr. and Mrs. Shrout also left for the Student Council Convention held at Peoria today and tomorrow.

April 15
All of the promising pugilists of Sycohi were on deck tonight in the Spartan annual boxing show. Many a dull thud of leather and flesh clashing echoed over the gym as the champs of Sycohi were crowned.

April 17
"Now we know why we went out for football and basketball!" The Pep Club entertained the football and basketball players at a picnic after school today.

April 18
"Who's there?" "Don't let them in!" Could be our little Sycohi wolves are disturbing the third floor slumbers of the peacefully sleeping G. A. A.? Did I say sleeping? At any rate, it's supposed to be a slumber party!

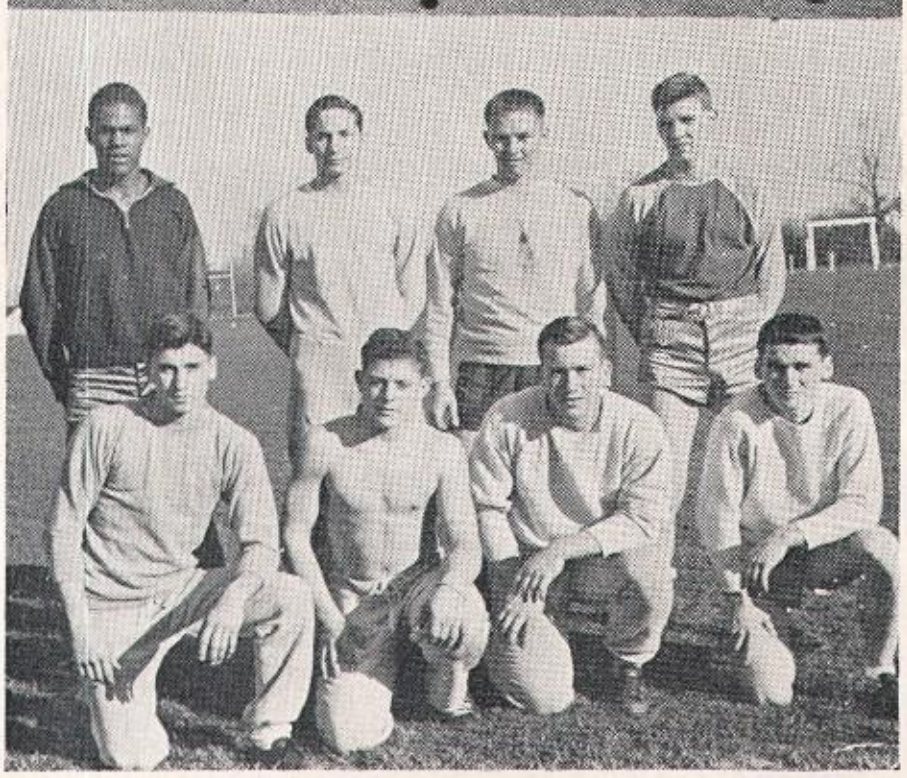
April 19
Everybody got lots of sleep today, because it was Good Friday and there was no school. All of us looked gleefully toward the five days of our longest Easter vacation in years.

April 24
Well . . . . . we had to come back sometime, but why couldn't it have been tomorrow?

April 26
"I saw how he did that." "Didn't you see his hands move?" were comments heard around Sycohi today. Ralph Pierce befuddled us with an assortment of tricks and mysteries in a very enjoyable program.

April 27
You can recognize them by that "lost dog" look—yep! it's the new frosh, up to take placement exams. Wait 'til they take some of the average Sycohi semester exams. Then they'll really have something to worry about!

April 30
A very enjoyable and entertaining Leaves Musical was given tonight by the combined vocal and instrumental divisions of the music department.



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May 3-4

The neighboring village of DeKalb was host to the winners of the District Contests this week-end. Sycohi sent four soloists, two small ensembles, and the entire A Cappella Choir to this Sectional Music Contest.

May 4

"We were beginning to think we wouldn't make it back from DeKalb in time to go tonight!" The music students really had to hustle in order to make the Prom by eight tonight. The Melody Masters, playing a return engagement at Sycohi, found themselves in the midst of a scene from an old Dutch painting. Only thing lacking was a pair of wooden shoes on every dancer —but that might have proved rather noisy. Thanks, juniors, for a splendid success.

May 10

Equipped with maps and charts, the Chemistry and Aeronautics classes toured Chicago today. With such a brilliant group of navigators along, how could they possibly get lost?

Tonight the Frosh had their annual party—quite a doings, so I'm told.

May 17

"Just think, next year we'll be going here to school!"

"They get smaller every year!"—Two sides of the story. At any rate, we gave the class of 1950 a warm welcome as we beq ed our treasured possessions to unsuspecting underclassm this Class Day.

May 30

Memorial Day gave us a full day of rest before the final next week.

June 2

Baccalaureate and another step towards graduation taken.

June 3-4

Exams!! That coveted sheepskin seemed to slip further our grasp as each test got harder than the last.

June 6

We marched bravely to the stage, grabbed eagerly for our mas, shook hands with Mr. Shrout, and then waded th Aud Knudsen's tears back to our seats. That was that. mencement was over, and we were now alumni of our alma mater.

June 7

We walked out of the doors of Sycohi today and looked upon four long years of hardship, grief, joy, and scores of times. We were at last free to follow our chosen paths o to do the things that we wanted to do. But whatever the be, we will get them done, for we are graduates of Sycohi.

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